The Australian Rules Football Cradle
The Old City of Heidelberg

A mid/later 20th century cradle
for the development of the national game

A club-by-club account of players from the old City of Heidelberg
who went on to play seniors, reserves and/or Under 19 grades in the A/VFL.

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ABOUT THIS EDITION

This is the second edition with a minor update of the first. Added is Greg Whitecrofdt Collingwood and tied to Banyule junior football club and Macleod juniors. The final years of the mighty West Heidelberg YCW club 1979-1983 as St Pius in the VAFA is also added with gratitude to contributions made by Dr Patrick Mineely (Patty Mineely).

Richly illustrated exploration of Australian rules football in the City of Heidelberg highlights players from 12 prominent local clubs within the former Heidelberg municipality who were recruited by A/VFL clubs from the 20th century to the present. The featured local clubs include Banyule, Bellfield, Heidelberg Colts, Heidelberg, Heidelberg West, Ivanhoe Amateurs, North Heidelberg, Olympic Youth, Heidelberg Colts, West Heidelberg Colts/Rovers, West Heidelberg YCW, and West Ivanhoe. This edition, dedicated to David "Onga" Campbell, archivist of West Heidelberg YCW FC, offers new supplemental information not found in the previous edition, including details on specific players and a comprehensive history of the West Heidelberg YCW football club and its neighbouring clubs. It also presents a pictorial account of composite football teams created by Heidelberg High and Heidelberg Technical Schools, showcasing players from these local clubs who competed in the mid-week metropolitan school leagues from the 1950s to the 1970s, with both schools achieving notable success in metropolitan and state premierships.

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This book is not to be sold and is provided to capture and protect what is rapidly becoming a fading memory of many of these local clubs of Heidelberg and the important grass root's role they played for the development of the VFL/AFL, and in particular for the Collingwood and Fitzroy Football Clubs.

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PREFACE

I have endeavoured to take the interested back in time covering residents of the proud community of Heidelberg who joined their local junior football clubs in the area and were recruited by AFL/VFL clubs, mostly Collingwood and Fitzroy after WWII to present day, but some as early as the turn of the 20th Century.

The catchment area for this trace is the old Heidelberg City boundary (Map form the Collection of the Greensborough Historical Society) (On 15 December 1994, the City of Heidelberg was abolished, and along with parts of the Shires of Diamond Valley and Eltham, was merged into the newly created City of Banyule. A small area near La Trobe University was transferred to the City of Darebin (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1st August 1995, Victorian local government amalgamations 1994-1995: Changes to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Commonwealth of Australia, pp 4-5):

Local clubs within the perimeter boundaries illustrated above which nurtured and provided this junior talent include:

- *Banyule (Preston & District Junior Football Association – PDJFA; YVJFL) (East of rail line).*
- *Bellfield (Preston & District Junior Football Association – PDJFA) (Defunct) (West of rail line), VAFA; Metropolitan Football League).*
- *Heidelberg Colts PDJFA (Defunct) (West of rail line).*
- *Heidelberg JFC/Seniors DVFL (East of rail line) (Includes merged club, All Blacks Heidelberg)..*
- *Heidelberg West DVFL (East of rail line).*
- *Ivanhoe Amateurs (VAFA) (West of rail line).*
- *Macleod Junior Football Club (Preston & District Junior Football League – PRJSFL/YVJFL) (East of rail line).*
- *North Heidelberg DVFL (West of rail line).*
- *Olympic Youth Football Club PDJFA (Defunct) (West of rail line).*
- *West Heidelberg Rovers, was West Heidelberg Colts PDJFA (Defunct)(West of rail line).*
- *West Heidelberg YCW (Juniors) [a.k.a. West Heidelberg Boys Club, a.k.a. St Pius YCW from 1976-1978]; YCW; PRJSFL) (Defunct) (West of rail line) (PRJSFL - Preston Reservoir Junior Sunday Football League).*
- *West Ivanhoe Juniors (ex YCWNFA/PDJFA?) (Defunct) (West of rail line).*

At the back of this book, I provide a "List of Players" for quick reference. Handy if you want to find a family member or friend you believe may be listed.

I should also point out; this account is by no means meant to be exhaustive. I apologies in advance for any boys of Heidelberg that I have unwittingly omitted from the list. To stress the point, Oz Sport History recognises that the Preston and District Junior Football Association (PDJFA) competition alone, at least 100 VFL players who started their footy careers in the PDJFA. They further verify that the Leader Newspaper, e.g., the "Heidelberger" failed to keep their earlier newspapers on microfilm and are lost to history and internet search.

The same fate beckoned for many of the wonderful junior clubs listed above now defunct.

Within you should fin players listed alphabetically by surname and then further sorted according to local club and then their AFL/VFL teams.

I have sliced and diced the results also by players West of the rail line that cuts through the old Heidelberg City boundary south from Ivanhoe to Macleod in the north of the old municipality.

Whilst there are many AFL/VFL footballers who ended their career in Heidelberg playing for Diamond Valley Football Leage (DVFL) teams, they are outside the scope of this study because they did not originate from one or more of the junior teams above.

The images within are taken from the public domain whereby people have shared their images and whereby the individual is identified they are attributed for their share.

If you have evidence of a player or players not listed but should be or if I have incorrectly allocated someone to the wrong club, let me know (E: jguest1000@gmail.com).

Regards

John Guest

PLAYERS BY JUNIOR CLUB OF ORIGIN

Banyule PDJFA/YVFL x 5 *(East of rail line).*

Brayden Sier (Seniors - Collingwood).
Brent Stanton (Seniors – Essendon).
Chris Taylor (Seniors – Fitzroy).
Justin McInerney (Seniors – Sydney Swans).
Stephen Clifford (Seniors – Collingwood) (also Olympic Village).

Bellfield PDJFA x 7 *(West of rail line).*

Brett Cooper (Seniors – Collingwood).
Craig Stewart (Seniors – Collingwood & Richmond).
Craig Brandt (Collingwood Under 19s).
Fatui Ataata (Reserves – Collingwood).
Geoff Rutty (Collingwood Under 19s * Reserves)
Paul Morcom (Under 19s & Reserves – Collingwood).
Peter Ruscuklic (Seniors – Fitzroy & Geelong) (Played also for Bellfield & Macleod-Rosanna).
Ronnie McKeown (Seniors – Collingwood) (Refer also Macleod where he played late in his junior career).
Wayne Freeman (Under 19s – Collingwood; Collingwood Reserves & Melbourne FC).

Heidelberg Colts PDJFA x 2 *(West of rail line).*

David Twomey (Seniors – Collingwood) (Refer also mostly West Heidelberg YCW juniors U10s to U18s, then Ivanhoe Amateurs and regarded as a West Heidelberg YCW boy).
Lester Green (Reserves & U19s Fitzroy – Verification pending).

Heidelberg FC Juniors DVFL x 3 *(East of rail line).*

Bill Twomey Sr (Seniors – Collingwood & Hawthorn (Reserves South Melbourne & North Melbourne).
Shane Kerrison (Senior – Collingwood).
John Clancy (Collingwood) (Original junior club, West Heidelberg YCW).

Heidelberg West DVFL x 1 *(East of rail line).*

Mark Perkins (Seniors – Collingwood).

Ivanhoe Amateurs VAFA x 6 *(West of rail line).*

Andrew Ireland (Seniors – Collingwood) (First played juniors at Northcote Park).
David McMahon (Seniors – Fitzroy).
David Twomey (Refer Heidelberg Colts & West Heidelberg YCW) (Seniors - Collingwood).
Doug Gott (Seniors – Collingwood).
Peter Gittos (Reserves – Collingwood).
Robert Dean (Seniors – Collingwood and South Melbourne).

Macleod Juniors PDJFL; YVJFL x 8 *(East of rail line).*

Jarrod Molloy (Seniors – Fitzroy, Brisbane Lions, Collingwood).
Mark Richardson (Seniors – Collingwood).
Matthew Collins (Seniors – Adelaide & Melbourne).
Michael Hurley (Seniors – Essendon).
Norm Dare (Seniors – Fitzroy) (Crossed from West Heidelberg YCW to play for Macleod-Rosanna DVFL [Macleod] prior to being recruited by Fitzroy).
Robert Scott (Seniors Geelong & North Melbourne).
Ron McKeown (Refer also Bellfield) (Seniors Collingwood – First a Bellfield junior).
Tony Woods (Seniors Fitzroy, Collingwood & Hawthorn).
Greg Whitecroft (refer Macleod Junior Football Club – PRJSFL).

North Heidelberg DVFL x 10 *(West of rail line).*

Andrew “Andy” Lovet (Seniors – Essendon).
Jake King (Seniors – Richmond).
Jason Heatley (Seniors West Coast Eagles, St Kilda, Reserves at Fitzroy).
John Bourke (Reserves – Collingwood).
Norm Brown (Seniors – Fitzroy).
Paul Wheatley (Seniors – Melbourne).
Peter Boyne (Seniors – Collingwood).
Robert Powell (Seniors Richmond & St Kilda, Reserves at Collingwood).
Ross "Twiggy" Dunne (Seniors – Collingwood).
Terry Philippe (Seniors – Collingwood).

Olympic Youth FC x 6 *(West of rail line).*

Craig Braddy (Seniors – Fitzroy, Sydney Swans).
Shane Braddy (Seniors- Melbourne).
Geoff Miles (Seniors – Collingwood, West Coast Eagles, Geelong).
Glenn Robertson (Seniors – Fitzroy).
Leigh Robertson (Seniors – Fitzroy).
Phil Manassa (Seniors – Collingwood).
Rodney Wright (Seniors North Melbourne & Melbourne).
Trevor Lloyd (Seniors – Fitzroy).
(Refer also Stephen Clifford, Banyule).

West Heidelberg YCW (YCWNFL; PDJFL) x 20 *(West of rail line).*

Alan Quaife (Seniors – Fitzroy) (Reserves – Collingwood).
Albert “Bert/Bertie” Chapman (Seniors – Collingwood).
Colin Hobbs (Seniors – Fitzroy).
David Twomey (Seniors – Collingwood) (Refer also mostly West Heidelberg YCW juniors U10s to U18s, then Ivanhoe Amateurs and regarded as a West Heidelberg YCW boy).
David Wall (Seniors – Fitzroy).
John Clancy (Collingwood), also played later for Heidelberg FC DVFL and is their coach of the century.
John Murphy (Seniors – Fitzroy, South Melbourne & North Melbourne).
John Wise (Seniors – Collingwood).
Mark McNamara (U19s – Collingwood).
Mick (Micheal Leo) Howell (Seniors - North Melbourne).
Mick Erwin (Seniors – Collingwood & Richmond).
Mick Twomey (Seniors – Collingwood).
Noel Jenkins (1965 reserve premiership player with Collingwood).
Norm Dare (Seniors – Fitzroy) (Crossed to play for Macleod-Rosanna DVFL [Macleod] prior to being recruited by Fitzroy).
Pat Twomey (Seniors – Collingwood).
Peter McKenna (Seniors – Carlton & Collingwood).
Peter Ruscuklic (Seniors – Fitzroy & Geelong) (Played also for Bellfield & Macleod-Rosanna).
Peter Twomey (Reserves – Collingwood).
Ricky Watt (Seniors Collingwood).
Shane Bond (Seniors Collingwood & North Melbourne).

Notes:

1. *West Heidelberg Rovers (PDJFA) – Nil AFL/VFL players documented (West of rail line).*
2. *West Ivanhoe (PDJFA?) – Nil AFL/VFL players documented (West of rail line).*
3. *Heidelberg All Blacks 1929-1932 merged with Heidelberg FC DVFL at the end of the 1932 season – Players Frank, Ian and Keith Fleming, Fitzroy, counted as Heidelberg FC players.*

JUNIOR PLAYERS RECRUITED BY THEIR FIRST AFL/VFL CLUB

Reconciling for duplicate identity entries for David Twomey (x3), Ronnie McKeown; and Norm Dare, who are attributed to play for more than one junior club in the Heidelberg city catchment, the individual player counts for AFL/VFL players known to have originated from the Heidelberg municipality is no fewer than 67 players (likely more).

Thirty-eight of these players AFL/VFL players were recruited first by Collingwood from Heidelberg's 12 junior feeder clubs.

At the very least a further 23 played first for Fitzroy. The author suspects this count maybe much higher because it only includes senior games counted by the Roys. Unfortunately, the Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society does not keep records for any person who played reserve grade or U19 players for the Lions. Collingwood on-the-the hand kept excellent records for reserve and U19 grade players.

Nevertheless, this is what the current evidence can account for between the two major AFL/VFL clubs who harvested talent from junior teams from the old city of Heidelberg.

Of the other AFL/VFL clubs, the municipality of Heidelberg players also played for the following clubs as their first AFL/VFL destination team:

- Essendon x 3
- North Melbourne x 2
- Richmond
- Melbourne
- Sydney Swans
- West Coast Eagles
- Adelaide
- Geelong

The researcher further makes 47 of the 60 players residing West of the rail line giving identity to a West Heidelberg City resident, and 12 residing and playing juniors east of the rail line hat cuts through the old city municipality running in a north/south direction (Refer below: West and East areas of the old City of Heidelberg's AFL/VFL player population). Refer to the map on the following page.

MACLEOD
West of rail line dividing the City of Heidelberg in a north-south direction
+
47 Players
WARRINCAL
East of rail line dividing the City of Heidelberg in a north-south direction
+
13 Players
IVANHOE
IVANHOE
EAST
CITY

SECTION ONE

PLAYER PROFILES LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY FIRST NAME

ALAN MUIR to PETER MCKENNA to WAYNE FREEMAN

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ALAN MURRAY MUIR (1922-1996), IVANHOE AMATEURS FC – FITZROY

Alan was recruited from Ivanhoe Amateurs to play with the Fitzroy Football Club 1940-1942 and played 6 games.

His career ended with Fitzroy when he volunteered with the AIF serving in WWII (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p637, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897; "World War II Roll: Alan Murray Muir;" Department of Veterans Affairs; Alan Muir's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Alan Muir at Australian Football.com; Brenden Campbell, 2022, Curator, Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society).

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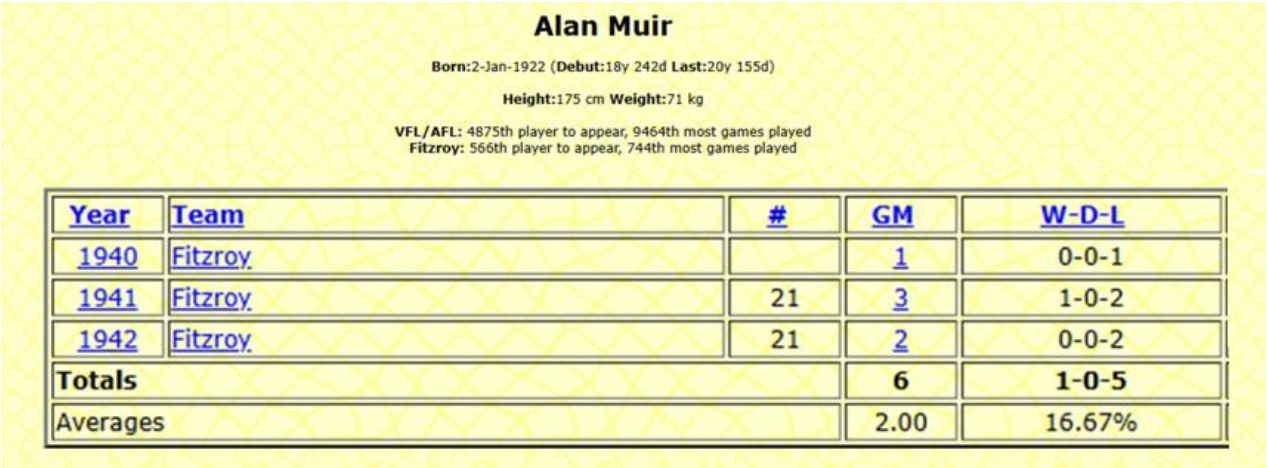


Alan Muir

Born:2-Jan-1922 (**Debut:**18y 242d **Last:**20y 155d)

Height:175 cm **Weight:**71 kg

VFL/AFL: 4875th player to appear, 9464th most games played
Fitzroy: 566th player to appear, 744th most games played

Year	Team	#	GM	W-D-L
1940	Fitzroy		1	0-0-1
1941	Fitzroy	21	3	1-0-2
1942	Fitzroy	21	2	0-0-2
Totals			**6**	**1-0-5**
Averages			2.00	16.67%

ALBERT “BERT” CHAPMAN (1942-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW JUNIORS, HEIDELBERG FC (DVFL) – COLLINGWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

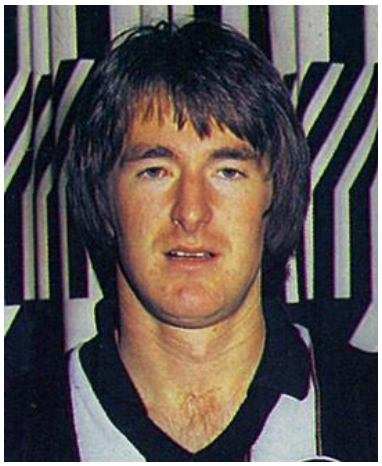
Bert pictured above was aged 18 years, when he played his first senior game of 68 (35 goals) with the pies. This was in round 6, 1960. His last game for the Magpies was round 8, 1966 (Photo credit, and bio attributed to Collingwood Forever).

Collingwood Forever, the official online player history website for Collingwood Football Club informs he was courageous and played on the wing in the losing 1964 Grand Final side. He played in Collingwood’s reserve team premiership side the following year also playing on the wing. He was joined in the team by his West Heidelberg YCW team mate Noel Jenkins.

In just six seasons he managed eight finals appearances. This included the 1960 and 1964 VFL Grand Finals, where he was a reserve and wingman respectively.

He left for Preston in the VFA 1967 and spent two years with the VFA club. Chapman then joined Macedon in the Riddell District Football League (RDFL) as coach for the 1969 season.

ANDREW IRELAND (1953-), IVANHOE AMATEURS – COLLINGWOOD



Andrew made his AFL mark as a great administrator and player beginning his football journey with Preston Swimmers - where one of his football contemporaries, Fitzroy's champion Garry Wilson, also played. Andrew progressed to Ivanhoe Amateurs, which had long been a breeding ground for Collingwood footballers. He won the club's senior Best & Fairest two years running in 1972-1973. Like the West Heidelberg clubs, nearby, Preston junior clubs such as Preston Swimmers were also considered feeder clubs for Ivanhoe Amateurs.

Ireland, who came to Collingwood from Ivanhoe, started his career as a forward and kicked 17 goals in his debut season before moving into defence. Usually playing on a half back flank, Ireland finished with 110 senior games and 29 goals. He was a member of three losing Grand Final teams at Collingwood, 1977, 1979 and 1980. He represented Victoria in an interstate match against Tasmania in 1978. His last game for the pies was the 1980 Grand Final.

Following his premature retirement at the age of 27 Ireland went into football administration and from 1990 to 2001 was the CEO of the Brisbane Bears/Lions. He also served as the Director of Football at the Sydney Swans (Sources: Sensational Seventies: Andrew Ireland by Glenn McFarlane for the Herald Sun 22 May 2019; Andrew Ireland's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Andrew Ireland at AustralianFootball.com; Profile at Collingwood Forever website).

Andrew also represented the VAFA in 1973 and '74, and was an All-Australian in both seasons. He is a member of Ivanhoe's Team of the Century. In 1974 at Ivanhoe, Andrew was assistant coach of the club's U15 team. He is pictured below seated in the middle of the shot aged 20 years or so:

Such were the playing rules at the time that many West Heidelberg/Ivanhoe and West Ivanhoe junior footballers, played first on Saturdays with their West Heidelberg Club (e.g., Bellfield, or West Heidelberg YCW at Ford Park and on Sundays with Ivanhoe Amateurs at Ivanhoe Park).

This type of junior player movement seeing players play Saturday for say a PDJFA club on a Saturday and Ivanhoe on a Sunday was allowed because the Ivanhoe played in the Amateurs and the other clubs did not.

During my playing time as a junior, names that come to mind who were team mates playing for Bellfield U16s in 1977, and also on a Sunday for Ivanhoe Amateurs included: Peter Gittos (Collingwood reserve player); John Freeman; Mick McDonald; Paris Aristotle, Stan Vernon (deceased young); and Grant Hooper (deceased young).

Andrew Ireland's decades of service to football administration in Queensland (Brisbane Lions etc) and New South Wales/ACT (Sydney Swans etc) makes him an AFL great.

ANDREW “ANDY” LOVET (1982-), NORTH HEIDELBERG, NORTHERN KNIGHTS, EAST PERTH (WAFL) - ESSENDON

Andy played 88 Games in the AFL booting 92 goals in the Australian Football League (AFL) for Essendon between 2005 and 2009. He was then traded to St Kilda at the end of the 2009 season, but events intervened and he did not play at St Kilda.

He was recruited by the Bombers from East Perth in the WAFL in 2005 ("Andrew Lovet," Deadly Vibe. No, 101, July 2005).

Earlier he had relocated from home in West Heidelberg Melbourne to Perth hoping to be drafted into the AFL. His plan worked when the Bombers picked him up.

Andrew then went on to play for Essendon between 2005-2009. He was then traded by the Bombers to St Kilda. After personal events became public his AFL career ended (St Kilda Image attributed to Fox News; Essendon image attributed to the Herald Sun):

In the time between his dismissal from St Kilda and his acquittal, Lovett returned to East Perth to play the latter half of the 2010 WAFL season (Clarke, Tim, 11 June 2011, "Lovett to make Royal return," The Age, Melbourne). He then played for the NFNL's Fitzroy Stars Football Club in 2011 (O'Meara, P, 24 March 2011, "Fitzroy Stars sign ex-Bomber Andrew Lovett").

Lovett nominated for the AFL rookie draft in 2011 and again in 2014 but was not selected in either draft (Hogan, J, 23 April 2015, The Age, "Andrew Lovett accepts career over after failed 2014 draft bid").

ALAN QUAIFE (DEC) (1945-2019) "QUAIFEY," WEST HEIDELBERG YCW, COLLINGWOOD RESERVES AND FITZROY SENIOR PLAYER

Alan was a gifted junior footballer playing for West Heidelberg YCW and also Heidelberg Technical school in the Saturday Tech school comp. He was a reserve player at Collingwood in 1962 and 1963 representing Collingwood on 11 occasions (Collingwood Forever). He then transferred to Fitzroy in 1964 where he played 3 senior games (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p725," The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897 (10th ed.).

Alan's drive and passion for helping disadvantaged people through the medium of sport and recreation was unmatched. After his VFL carer he built the Frankston Dolphins side for the revamped Victorian Football League (VFL) almost single-handedly. He put together the team quite literally from the streets of Frankston. Alan started with just two players but never gave up and built a squad which took the premiership in the 2014 Grand Final series, the year of their inception, after a rousing address from Alan on the day. Alan's tireless work was also recently honoured in 2016 when he was named Frankston Senior Citizen of the Year, and in 2018, as Volunteer of the Year (Reclink, 2019).

Alan and his Heidelberg and Tech and West Heidelberg YCW team mate Ricky Watt (Collingwood), are pictured below in 1960 wearing their Heidelberg Technical School footy gear (Source Beau Comelli, 2021). Alan is pictured back row, far left, with his mate, Ricky Watt featured also in the back row, 2nd from the right:

*Back: **Alan Quaife**, Trevor Webb, Ernie Towers, Malcolm Smith, "Flabby" Smith, Ross Sharp, Ricky Watt, Dennis Tormey*
Middle: Trevor Sorenson, K Couglan, "Boof" Baker, Keith Mullenger, Mr Howe, Colin O'Rourke, Plutos Anastasia.
Front: Ron Richardson, David Hay, Geoff Ingles, Brian Millard, Ron Hibbon.

BILL BLACKLOCK (1883-1942), IVANHOE AMATEURS – FITZROY 1907

Bill was born in Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia on 1883 to William Blacklock and Maria Jane Davidson.

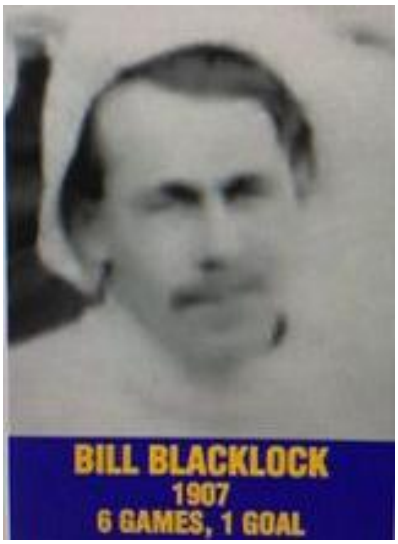
He was a Jeweller by trade and lived on Heidelberg Road Ivanhoe in 1909:

Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980 for William Arthur Blacklock
Victoria › 1909 › Bourke › Ivanhoe
51 Biggs, Mary, Darebin Creek rd., Ivanhoe, home duties, F
52 Biggs, Minnie Evelyn, Ford st., Ivanhoe, home duties, F
53 Biggs, Walter Frederick, Darebin Creek rd.; Ivanhoe, warehouseman, M
54 Black, Jessie, Lower rd., Ivanhoe, tailoress, F
55 Blacklock, Maria Jane, Heidelberg rd., Ivanhoe, home duties, F
56 Blacklock, William, Heidelberg rd., Ivanhoe, civil servant, M
57 Blacklock, William Arthur, Heidelberg rd., Ivanhoe, jeweller, M
58 Blair, Elizabeth, Waterdale rd., Ivanhoe, home duties, F
59 Blair, George Alexander, Waterdale rd., Ivanhoe, secretary, M

Bill (Jr) married Lilian Fanny Sutton and had one child. He passed away on 1942 in Heidelberg, Victoria, Australia.

Bill is pictured below on his wedding day (Source Darren Smith shared 23rd August 2012) and Brenden Campbell, Curator & Historian, Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society):

William "Bill" Arthur Blacklock (1883-1942)



Brenden Campbell, Curator and Historian, Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society on the 4th March, 2022, confirmed from the club's official records, Bill Blacklock was an Ivanhoe Amateur player when recruited by the Maroons in 1907.

Bill played 6 games and booted one goal for the senior team (Refer also: Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 10th ed., Bill Blacklock's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Bill Blacklock at AustralianFootball.com).

This is three years earlier than the Hoes make the formation year of their club in 1910:

> *"The club started as a social footy team in 1910 before joining the Heidelberg District Football Association in 1912 and winning our first senior flag in 1913. When the HDFA."*

Ivanhoe Amateurs may therefore claim by an earlier record that the club was informed no later than 1907.

BILL TWOMEY SR (1899-1977), HEIDELBERG DVFL – COLLINGWOOD AND HAWTHORN

Bill played 54 senior games for Collingwood (1918-2022) and 10 senior games for Hawthorn (1933-1934) in the Victorian Football League (VFL). Bill is the son of Michael Twomey and Annie Twomey, née Carey. Bill was born in Heidelberg, Victoria on 14 May 1899. He married Rose Ellen Lovett (1893-1984) in 1926 and died in Balwyn, Victoria on 25 March 1977.

Three of his four sons Mick, Pat, and Bill, and his grandson David Twomey– the son of his fourth son, Peter, were all born in Heidelberg and all played league football with Collingwood.

Bill Twomey Snr (1899-1977) possessed exceptional pace and was thus used mainly as a wingman although he also played occasionally as a centreman and half back. In five seasons with Collingwood he played 54 games, including their 1919 premiership as well as in three losing grand finals. He represented Victoria in an interstate match against South Australia in 1921.

After leaving Collingwood at the end of the 1922 season to concentrate on an athletics career, Twomey had success as a sprinter winning the 1924 Stawell Gift. He later turned to football, joining Hawthorn in 1933 as captain-coach (1933-1934).

Hawthorn finished in 11th position for both of his seasons in charge, the latter in a non-playing capacity although he did appear in one match that year.

He further played reserve football for both South Melbourne and North Melbourne football clubs. He was also briefly a boundary umpire, officiating in three league games (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers, 7th ed, Melbourne; Ross, J. ed, 100 Years of Australian Football 1897-1996: The Complete Story of the AFL, All the Big Stories, All the Great Pictures, All the Champions, Every AFL Season Reported; Picture: William Twomey, AFLUA. Archived from the original on 10 April 2013):

Only once in the history of the AFL/VFL have three brothers played in the same premiership team. That year was 1953 and the brothers were the famous son’s of 1919 premiership winner, Bill Twomey Senior. Bill Junior, Pat and Mick played together in Collingwood's triumph over Geelong. Matters returned to subsequently.

Bill is also recognised as a skills coach for the West Heidelberg YCW boy, youngster Peter McKenna and improving his running style and technique.
A 1919 premiership team mate of Bill's, Wally Haysom, the last surviving member of the "peace flag" is a relative of mine and to whom my father came to know Bill's son Mick.

This is what Collingwood Football Club Historian and Curator of Collingwood Forever, Michael Roberts, has to say about Bill Twomey senior:

"*Twomey was born in Heidelberg in 1900 and showed outstanding ability in both football and athletics as a schoolboy. At 15 he was already playing football as a wingman for Heidelberg, and after moving to Preston he was approached to join Collingwood following the Bullants' 1917 grand final appearance. He broke into the Magpie senior team as an 18-year-old midway through 1918. His first game was played in mud and slush at Carlton, but reporters quickly noted that the new boy "could run like a deer". The eight games he played that year were enough to have one newspaper brand it one of the best debut seasons ever, while the* Herald *described him as "one of the greatest discoveries of recent years".*

Those early observations were confirmed over the next three years, as Twomey stamped himself as one of the most exciting footballers of his time. Then, with his future seemingly assured, he walked away from VFL football.

Twomey loved *sport – at almost every level (****during 1919 and 1920 he occasionally missed Collingwood games to help out his old suburban team!).*** *And in the early 1920s he was driven more by the desire to win a Stawell Gift than he was to keep playing in the VFL. He'd actually finished second in the Gift just before the 1919 season on very little preparation, and that near-miss had gnawed at him ever since. He really wanted to have a serious crack at Australia's premier foot race so, at age 22 and with only 50-odd VFL games to his name, Bill Twomey moved to Stawell.*

That sacrifice paid off two years later, when he won the 1924 Stawell Gift as one of the shortest-priced favourites in the event's history. That year he also won the Ararat Gift, and three different events in one afternoon at Warracknabeal.

But while winning the Gift remained one of his proudest sporting memories, his impact in the Wimmera wasn't limited only to the running track. He continued to play footy and was a popular captain-coach of Stawell, then later played at South Ballarat, South Bendigo, Nhill and Ararat, with a second stint at Stawell. His play thrilled spectators so much that people would flock to games from surrounding districts just to see him play. The catchcry 'Kick it to Twomey' came into vogue for years. In the early 1930s, newspapers were still proclaiming him to be the most spectacular footballer ever seen in the Wimmera.
Those years were part of a remarkable sporting odyssey that took Twomey and his family to just about every corner of the State. Most of his life was devoted to participation or coaching, and that even brought him back to the VFL with Hawthorn, South Melbourne reserves and North Melbourne reserves – he even spent time umpiring!

His boys, of course, famously followed in his footsteps. Bill Jnr, Mick and Pat all played seniors with Collingwood, being together for the 1953 Premiership. A fourth son, Peter, was also handy, and one of his kids, David, played with the Pies in the 1980s. Each of those boys was born in a different part of Victoria, further underlining just how far and wide Bill Snr had shared his talents and gifts.

Those gifts were many. But perhaps his greatest was a love of people, and of coaching youngsters. Even in his sixties he was still helping out kids like Peter McKenna, trying to improve their sprinting. He filled plenty of casual jobs along the way, but he derived most pleasure from dealing with people around sport. He played footy until he neared 40, and then continued to coach. Wherever he went he devoted much of his spare time to 'unofficial' coaching of school or junior football teams or other athletes.

From a selfish point of view, everyone at Collingwood must have wished Bill Twomey Snr had stayed longer at Victoria Park. But so many young footballers, teams and athletes benefited from his counsel and wisdom over the years that it's hard not to think the game as a whole was better for his wanderlust.

– Michael Roberts

I had the privilege to play in the same junior team as Dave Twomey at West Heidelberg YCW U10-U14s and can vouch the kick it to Twomey catch cry from the Berger fans extended to to his grandson, Dave Twomey and deservedly so.

BARRY EVANS (SEN) – SOUTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB

Barry Evans, a Bellfield Football club stalwart, player and coach of blood and muds, played three games for the South Melbourne Football Club in the Victorian Football League (VFL), aged 20 years in 1956 wearing the number 16 guernsey.

South one two of these three games against Melbourne, Richmond and St Kilda. Baz booted one goal in the match against the Saints at the Lake side oval, he also got to down the Swans Guernsey at the "G". I was lucky enough to have been coached by Baz in 1979 and 1980. Barry coached the club several times including a stint in the late 1968s, where he is shown below, front row middle (Captain and Coach):

Bellfield Football Club – 1968
"A" Grade
BACK ROW: T. Power, R. Pettigrew, K. Imbery, J. Bradley, D. Evans, A. Van Voorst.
MIDDLE ROW: H. Mathios (Pres.), N. Sedgeman, B. Chatfield, C. Buttfield, J. Goodwin, E. Suey, I. McAlpine, R. Davis, R. Lloyd, M. Johnson, B. Fairman, E. Chester, P. Kelly.
FRONT ROW: R. Arnold, K. Wellington, J. Mellon, B. Evans (Capt.-Coach), L. Tucker, D. Reed, R. Bourne, K. McCormick.

It is Teddy Chester, found 2nd from the right, middle row, who in 1979/80 told me the club's colours and nick name came in honour of the third division of the 21st Battalion. It is the 21st battalion who fought the last battle on the Western Front of WWI on the 5th October 1918 called the battle at Montbrehain.
The following day it became the last Australian battalion to withdraw from active operations on the Western Front. The 21st Battalion was disbanded on 13 October 1918. A post script to this factual story is that my grand uncle, Percy Logan 1885-1918, Service Number: 2739 - and brother of the grandmother of Bellfield players John, Ricky and Mitch Guest, who is now recognised as the last soldier killed in action on the Western Front.

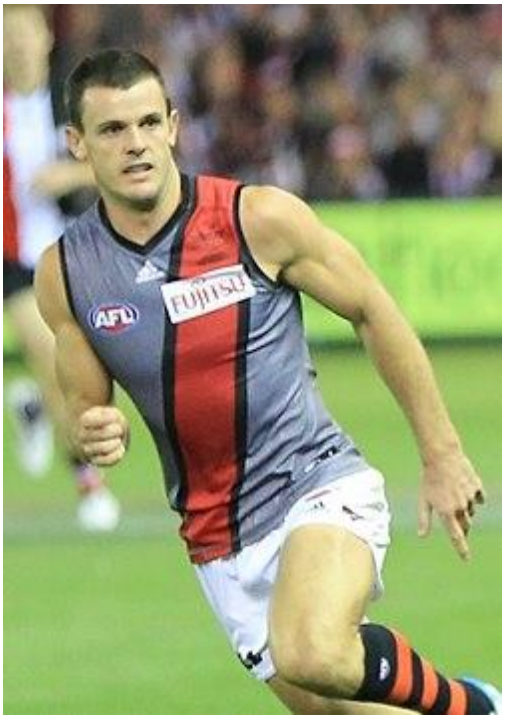
Percy died on the 15th October 1918, after surviving the final formal battle of Montrbrehain on the 5th October 1918. He was a member of a very small unit which remained for two weeks after the battle and was felled and died on thefiled killed in subsequent action (Source: University of NSW Canberra, in the Australian Defence Force Academy research unit; Australian War Memorial, adjusted death date of William "Percy" Logan 1885-1918 of Jeparit, Victoria).

Also told by Teddy was that the club's founders in 1949 opted for the brown and red clours of the third division of the 21st Battlion to symbalise they blood and mud they endured.

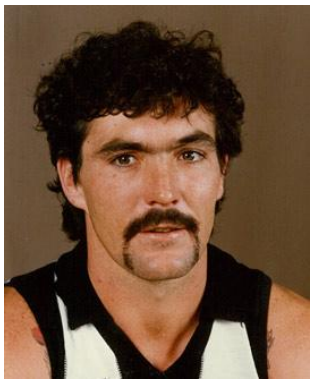
BRENT STANTON, BANYULE – ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB

Brent played his entire career for the Essendon Football Club. Brent was a school mate of my son Rob Guest both attending Banyule Primary School and Viewbank College. Growing up Brent lived a few doors down the road in Viewbank off Bartram Rise. At the age of 16, Brent was selected to play for the 2002 Northern Knights team in the TAC Cup. He played nine games, averaged 16 possessions and kicked 11 goals. Growing up, Stanton supported the Carlton Football Club.

He had a fantastic long career spanning 2004 to 2017. He amassed 255 games and booted 158 goals. He won the Archer-Hird medal in 2012. He became an assistant coach at Carlton in 2018 in a development coaching role. He returned to play for Banyule in the Northern Football League.



BRETT COOPER (1959-), BELLFIELD – COLLINGWOOD



Pictured above, Brett Cooper (1959-) played junior football for Bellfield (Photo credit, Collingwood Forever). He played one senior game for the Magpies, round 12, 1983. He was recruited from Bellfield by VFA club Preston in the late 1970s.

At the Bullants, Brett established himself as a fine footballer capable to play at the highest levels at a high standard. He won Preston's best and fairest award in 1981 (Hugo K, 21st June 1986), The Age. Melbourne, VIC). He joined Collingwood in 1983, although he would occasionally miss games due to his army commitments (The Age, 11 July 1980, p22, "Foley back for the Two Blues"). Collingwood's secretary, John Birt, described Cooper as a "mini–Rene Kink" (The Age, 13th June 1983, p26, "Woods pick 2 first gamers").

After appearing in three reserves fixtures, Cooper played in Collingwood's round 12 win over Melbourne at VFL Park. It was the only VFL game of his career, and he had 10 disposals and kicked a behind (AFL Tables: Brett Cooper).

After battling through some major life events, Brett returned to play VFA football. He played with Preston in 1986 (Ibid Hugo, K 1986),was cleared to Box Hill at the start of 1987 (Prenesti, S, 7 May 1987, p30, "Cooper clear, but Vernon out one week," The Age, Melbourne) and was cleared to Brunswick in July 1988 Pearce, L, 9th July 1986, p96, "Cooper for Brunswick", The Sun News-Pictorial, Melbourne, VIC. p86). Coburg made a bid for this extremely talented footballer in 1987 but were denied by Preston who held on to Brett's service until clearing him to Brunswick in 1988:

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Top rovers to boost Coburg

By PAUL CUNNINGHAM

LAST year's VFA grand final combatants Williamstown and Coburg have finalised player lists for their first-round clash at Williamstown.

Both teams have lost a few good players but have also attracted some new talent.

Coburg has recruited top rovers Frank Zocchali and Adrian Booth from Essendon's thirds, while Williamstown has drawn from interstate leagues and their own under-19s squad.

However Williamstown has lost Norm Goss Medal winner Tony Pastore and key ruck rover Grant Smith, and young sensation Ron James has been snapped up by Footscray.

Ross Christensen, Coburg's effective full forward and best and fairest winner, has moved south to Tasmania.

Coburg is negotiating with Preston for full forward Brett Cooper.

Williamstown — New players: Andy Colenso, best and fairest half back flanker from Cooperoo, Qld; **Greg Lagstrom**: centre half back from Gosford NSW; **Andy Lloyd**: rover, Footscray reserves; **Paul McKay**: full forward, Kangaroo Flats; **Murray Nilsson**: centre half back, Glenroy; **Ian Argus, Glen Brook, Frank**

● Brett Cooper

Dimartino, Gavin Johnstone: from Williamstown's under-19s.

Gone: Tony Pastore: last year's Norm Goss medal winner, to Richmond; **Grant Smith:** ruck rover, to Hawthorn, **Ron James:** to Footscray, **Tom McGowan:** on Footscray's under-19s list.

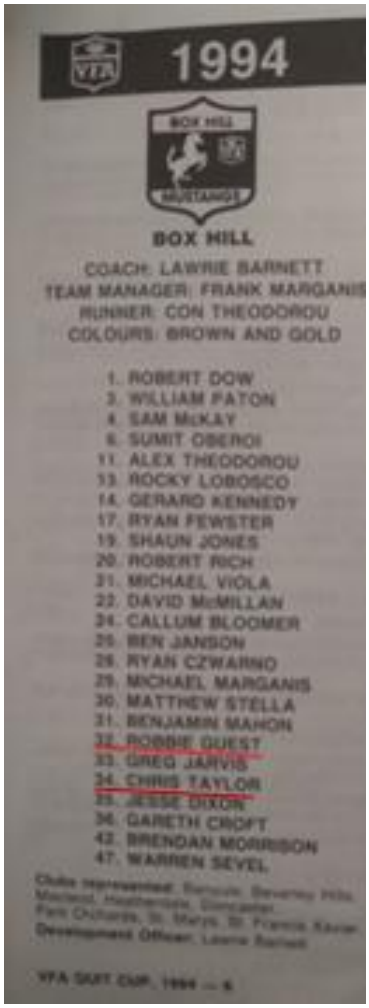
Coburg — New players: Frank Zocchali, Adrian Booth: rovers from Essendon's thirds; **Fatui Alaata:** ruckman, Collingwood; **Peter Darby:** full back, Essendon District League's best and fairest, Avondale Heights; **Glen Bouckley:** Strathmore rover; **David Williams:** Essendon District League, captain of Glenroy's premiership team; **Brett Cooper:** full forward, Coburg still negotiating clearance from Preston.

Gone: Ross Christensen: last year's best and fairest winner, to North Hobart; **Merv Harbinson:** half forward flank, to West Adelaide; **Gary Halbert,** rover, clearance being negotiated, Box Hill; **Stewart Gibb:** ruckman, overseas.

CHRIS TAYLOR (1966-), BANYULE – FITZROY

Chris was recruited to Fitzroy FC from our zone club Banyule, in the Preston District Junior Football Association (PDJFA), for the 1987 VFL Season, making his only senior appearance for the Lions in our Round 20 loss to the Essendon FC, by 41 points, at Windy Hill. He gathering 3 possessions, in the number 56 jumper he wore in the 1987 VFL Season (Image source: Brenden Campbell, Curator, Fitzroy Brisbane Lions Historical Society) (Refer also Holmesby, R & Main, J, 2011, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897 (9th ed.):

As far back as 1994, my son, Rob Guest played football with Chris at Banyule Junior Football Club, and both attended Viewbank College in the Yarra Valley Junior Football League. That year they both played in the Under 12 competition representing the YVJFL for the Box Hill Mustangs, in the well regarded VFA Under 12 Quit Cup competition.



COLIN HOBBS (1946-) – WEST HEIDELBERG YCW

West Heidelberg boy who attended Heidelberg High School played for the Fitzroy juniors and elevated to play six seasons in the Fitzroy senior side

Also attending Heidelberg High with Colin was North Heidelberg and Fitzroy champion, Norm Brown, and West Heidelberg YCW and Fitzroy champ, David Wall. Joining them as a student of Heidelberg High and making his way to the Pies was Bobby Farmer (Robert). Bobby, a West Heidelberg YCW standout, was a class mate of David Wall. Matters to returned to subsequently.

Having progressed through the grades at Fitzroy, it was Colin Hobbs (1946-) who made his senior VFL debut in 1966. A resourceful and effective winger with a pronounced mean streak, he played 64 games and scored six goals for the Lions over the course of half a dozen seasons:

After leaving Fitzroy at the end of the 1971 season he joined VFA first division side Coburg for whom he played 98 games in six seasons, and was skipper in 1974-5.

The Lions were relegated during his time with them, and won the 1974 second division premiership under his captaincy. He is a member of Coburg's official 'Team of the Century'. Colin finished his playing career in the VFA's lower tier with Northcote, where he made 13 appearances and scored 10 goals in 1977-8 (Source: John Devaney, Australian Football).

Submitted below is Northcote's Coach Colin Hobson optimistic about Northcote's revival. That year 1980, after coaching for four years at the club recruited many including AFL/VFL great Peter McKenna and ex Collingwood and North Heidelberg boy Terry Philippe coming home after playing for West Perth in the WAFL.

Dragons' fire only flickerin

Northcote have been out of the premiership stakes since 1961 but can still boast a good list of flags — winning in 1929, '32, '33, '34, '36 and '61 in a history dating back 82 years.

Their last finals appearance was in the first semi final in 1976. Last year they finished fifth.

Big names who are living on include Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls, Len Smith, George Gough, whose 25 goals in one game still stands as a record, Frank Seymour who booted 880 goals in 201 games, 1951 and '58 Liston Trophy winners Cec Hiscox and Keith Woolnough, John and Fred Vains and Neil Doolan.

Colin Hobbs, now in his fourth year with the Dragons, is the longest serving coach in Second Division.

In No. 17 of Meet the Coaches, HOWARD LEIGH talks to Hobbs about Northcote in 1980 and beyond.

Hobbs believes the potential of Northcote is great.

"I can see Diamond Valley clubs using our inner suburban ground in the near future, especially when the new social and functions rooms are completed.

"The rebuilding program at our ground in Westgarth Street has been on the Council's books for some time and will get underway next month.

"We are a well administered club, with a small but hard working committee, headed by administrators Mike Rowland, long serving President Ron Parker and team manager Alan Webb.

Hobbs, 34, is undecided about 1981 in terms of coaching Northcote.

"I am just not sure at this stage, in terms of actual success everyone will see we have been unsuccessful.

"There are reasons why. Our blokes are trying their guts out, but really, we aren't tall enough or good enough to win consistently.

"I don't think I have done anything wrong since I have been here.

"If I gave it away, I certainly would be having a break. My son plays football now and I have responsibilities.

"I would love to be still playing but after copping two badly broken jaws, I would be crazy to play again."

Northcote has recruited strongly this year in a bold bid to get into the big time in Second Division.

New blood Peter McKenna (Port Melbourne), assistant coach Alan McNamara (Camberwell), Phil Ryan (Frankston), who represented the VFA this year, Geoff Arnott (Watsonia), Terry Kite (Cooee), Ray Shepherd (Preston seconds), Peter Jurgenstein (North Heidelberg) and Terry Philippe (West Perth and Collingwood), came with good reputations.

100 games has a cruciate problem, Ray Brain (broken thumb), Gary Armstrong who missed nine games with glandular fever, and Laurie Thornloe (gashed scalp), are mong the long list.

Hobbs said that last season he had the best first ruck in Second Division with Mark McQuinn, Michael Ryan and J. Field, Medal winning rover Jeff 'Joffa' Edwards.

"This year all three have been down on their form, but in their defence, Mark had a groin and Joffa a depressed fracture of the cheekbone which reduced their effectiveness."

Hobbs said that traditionally Northcote always had a strong defence.

"With that consideration we went out and bought forwards like McKenna, Phil Ryan, Jurgenstein and centreman Shepherd all for big money.

"But we have gone back and we have simply not put it together.

"There are identifiable reasons, like injuries.

"On average, we have had about 13 players out in each game.

"And on top of our injuries, the loss of Redenbach, McLeod, McGregor, McArdle and Trevor Roberts has meant we have lost almost all of last year's backline except Charlie McIntyre who passed his century of games this year.

"McKenna, Jurgenstein, and Phil Ryan have all been terrific.

"McKenna is a consistent trainer, first to training and a good guy all around. I cannot fault him.

"Peter, I hope, will stay here as long as I am coach, as we have known each other since our early days.

"My assistant coach Alan McNamara has a big responsibility this year in two roles.

"We appointed him to the job

• *Northcote's Colin Hobbs, the longest serving coac*

In 1973 Hobbs was in Coburg's unhappy tumble to Second Division.

But things turned out for the better the following year when the VFA Lions won the flag with newly-appointed North Melbourne Reserves boss John Dugdale as coach.

"It was the hardest year I have ever put in," said Hobbs.

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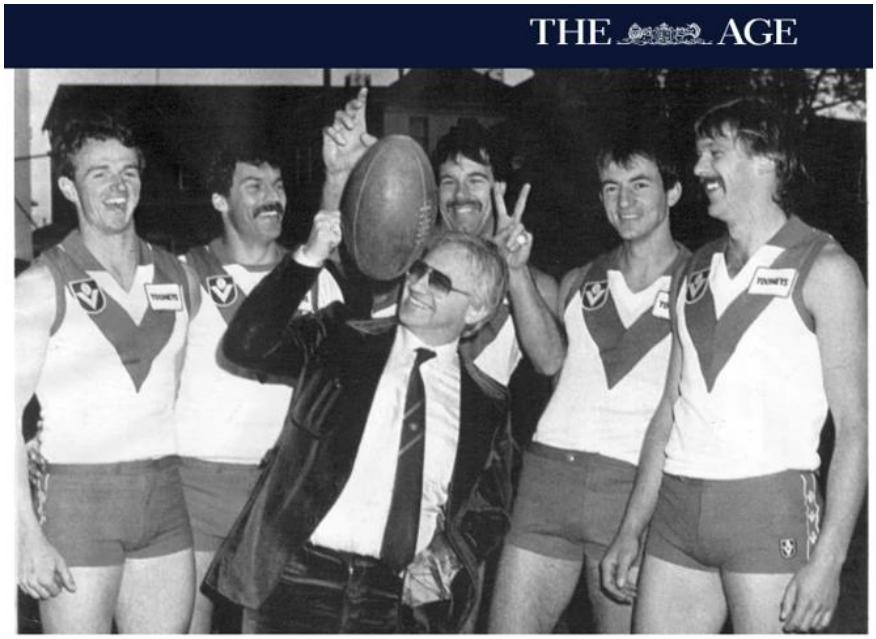
CRAIG BRADDY – FITZROY, SYDNEY SWANS



New owner Geoffrey Edelsten with some of the players. Sydney players (from left): Anthony Deniher, Rod Carter, Steve Taubert, Mark Bayes and Craig Braddy. THE AGE ARCHIVES

Craig played junior football with the Olympic Youth Club and, like many boys from W. Berger, was residentially linked to Fitzroy. He advanced through the ranks to play eight games with the Lions during the 1980-81 seasons, but despite undeniable potential, he was considered surplus to requirements.

The transition to the Swans was thrilling, especially as they played their inaugural home games in Sydney 1982 and relocated there entirely the following season. Remarkably, former Swan Craig Braddy not only played at any level but also topped the club's goalkicking with 48 goals in 1983, all while missing two fingers on his left hand and having only one kidney. Braddy, an exceptional aerialist who played various key forward positions.

He lost the ring and forefinger on his left hand when he was 18 months old. His mum turned off a bar radiator before leaving Craig with brother Shane, but Craig turned it back on. He told football journalist and historian Jim Main, that he drawn to it and grabbed the hot bar and was severely burned, leading to the amputation of two fingers. Craig was also born with only one kidney. He only discovered this condition after a match late in my career when I was taken to the hospital.

Craig sold as a player to Sydney, played in their first season after relocation from South Melbourne. Braddy and Gerard Neesham were the first new recruits to play for Sydney, making their debuts in round seven of 1982. In 1983 he had his best season, playing 21 games as a key forward. He kicked 48 goals to comfortably top the Swans goal-kicking and had a career best six goal haul in a game against Carlton on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The following season he played 18 games and equalled his goals record with another six-goal effort against North Melbourne.

Craig in all played 68 senior games and after his VFL career ended, Braddy played with distinction in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) with Central District. He also spent a year with Victorian Football Association club Dandenong in 1990. He is now involved in sports management and was the chief executive of the Eastern Football League from 2002 to 2005 (c.f., Craig Braddy - Player Bio". Australian Football. Retrieved 14 August 2015; AFL Tables: Craig Braddy; Damian Barrett, 6 April 1991; “Grand final action replay", in Herald-Sun News-Pictorial. Melbourne, Victoria, p. 67; Image credits above, The Age Newspaper – Fairfax Media).

His brother Shane Braddy born 1960 played 2 games Melbourne in 1981, also believed to have played juniors with Olympic.

CRAIG BRANDT, BELLFIELD

Craig played on the wing for the pies in their 1986 victory over North Melbourne:

1986

Grand Final(September 27, 1986)

North Melbourne 4.1 5.3 8.7 9.13.67

Collingwood 1.3 5.6 11.7 12.11.83

Goals: Hrysoulakis 2, Mrakov 2, Brown 1, Faull 1, McGuane 1, Gloury 1, Boulton 1, Moore 1, Brindley 1, Lamont 1

Best: Partridge, Gloury, Monkhorst, Hrysoulakis, Brown, Moore, Mrakov

Premiership team

Backs: Paddy Moore Jason Croall(C) Paul Smith

HB: Neil Brindley Gavin Crosisca David Partridge

C: Craig Brandt Gavin Brown Athas Hrysoulakis

HF: Darren Boulten Terry Keays Mick McGuane

For: Brett Gloury John Mrakov John Lamont

Foll: Damian Monkhorst David Stagg Greg Faull

Int: Damien Keating Paul Hicks Bruce Bennett

Coach: Keith Burns.

Craig is pictured below in the premiership photograph found 4th from the right, front row:

The 1986 Under-19 Premiership squad. Back row: G Faull, M McGuane, G Brown, P Smith, D Rice, J Mrakov, A Hrysoulakis, D Keating, G Crosisca. Standing: B Hill, P Johnson, N Brindley, T Keays, J Croall(Captain), M Orval, N Stevens(skills coach), D Monkhorst, D Partridge, J Lamont, D Stagg, H Ogilvie, D Gott(skills coach), S Gorman, R Ford, L McGrath. Seated: B Bloomfield, T Bloomfield, B Maddigan, C Webb, K Burns(coach), G Renshaw(runner), A Brewer, I Flack, R Johnson, R Matters, P Lane, T Strafford. Front: B Papanestora, D Wynn, D Boulton, G Bolter(trainer), C Brandt, B Bennett, P Hicks, P Moore.

CRAIG STEWART (1956-2023), BELLFIELD – COLLINGWOOD AND RICHMOND

Craig was recruited from Bellfield Junior Football Club in the PDJFA by VFA club Preston. He topped their goal-kicking in 1976 and won their best and fairest award in 1977.

Residentially bound to Collingwood, Stewart had come down to Magpie training during his time with the Bullants, but had soon lost interest and returned to Preston. He did join Collingwood in 1978 and went on to play 115 games for the club, including the 1980 and 1981 grand finals, which they lost.

When not playing in the ruck, he was used up forward; he kicked 32 goals in 1979. He was a big bloke, standing around 193cm and weighing just under 100kg, but he was agile for his size and good at ground level. His key attributes, however, were his marking and kicking.

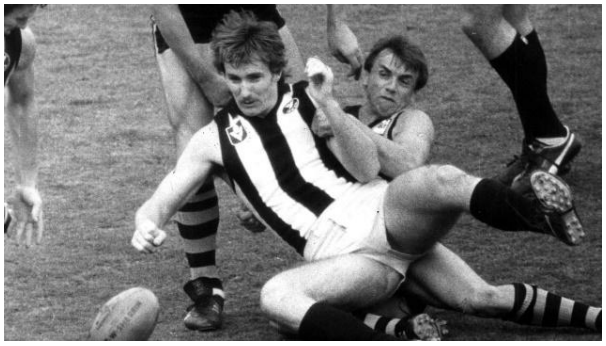
He was a lovely mark of the football, with sure hands and good judgement, and his kicking was superb. He was capable on both sides of his body but especially good from a standing start, where he could roost the ball a mile – especially when he got onto one of his ‘torps’ (he was one of the best exponents of the torpedo in the game).

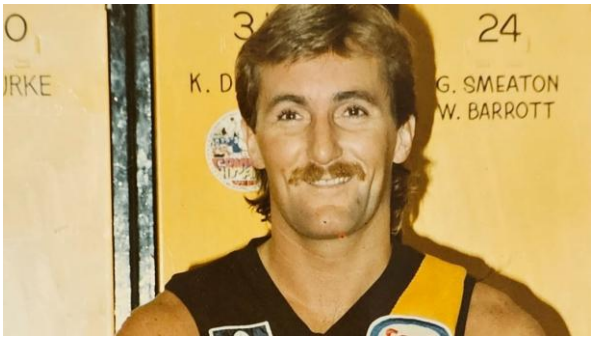
Craig twice kicked six goals in a game, against St Kilda in 1979 and Footscray in 1980, but he remained an underrated feature of Tommy Hafey’s legendary teams. He finished third in the best-and-fairest in both 1980 and 1982, and was part of the losing Grand Final teams in 1980 and 1981. He also played for a Victorian B team in 1980.

In all he played 115 games in the black-and-white, kicking 122 goals (one was only recently added to his revised career total), before getting caught up in the trade wars with Richmond and heading to Punt Road in 1984. He would play a further 35 games in three seasons at the Tigers, giving him a neat career total of 150 (Vale Craig Stewart, Richmond Football Club is mourning the death of Craig Stewart, aged 66, on June 8, 2023, Rhett Bartlett, Club Historian, June 21, 2023).

His son, James, was drafted by the Giants in 2012 after the Magpies passed on the chance to nominate him as a father-son prospect, and has gone on to enjoy a fine career, playing with both GWS and Essendon.

Known to teammates as ‘Snaggles’, Craig Stewart was a fine footballer who played a valuable role at both ends of the ground across more than 100 games during the Hafey era. It’s a career he and his family can be mighty proud of. Craig died on 8th June 2023 at the age of 66. The Herald Sun reported that an analysis of Stewart’s brain revealed he was battling Stage I CTE when he died. Craig is pictured below, with Barry Rowlings tackling him in the 1980 Grand Final between Collingwood v Richmond, Source: Herald Sun. The second photograph is courtesy of Richmond Football Club (Player profile sources: Warner, Michael (20 May 2015). "Craig Stewart slams former club Collingwood over 'lack of respect' for son James Stewart". Herald Sun (Sources: "Vale Craig Stewart". collingwoodfc.com.au. 9 June 2023, Retrieved 9 June 2023; AFL world mourns loss of one of Hafey’s Heroes aged just 66; Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers, 7th ed; Craig Stewart's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Craig Stewart at AustralianFootball.com; Craig Stewart’s Player Profile at Collingwood Forever):





DAVID TWOMEY (1961-), HEIDELBERG COLTS, WEST HEIDELBERG YCW AND IVANHOE AMATEURS PRIOR TO COLLINGWOOD, THEN PORT ADELAIDE

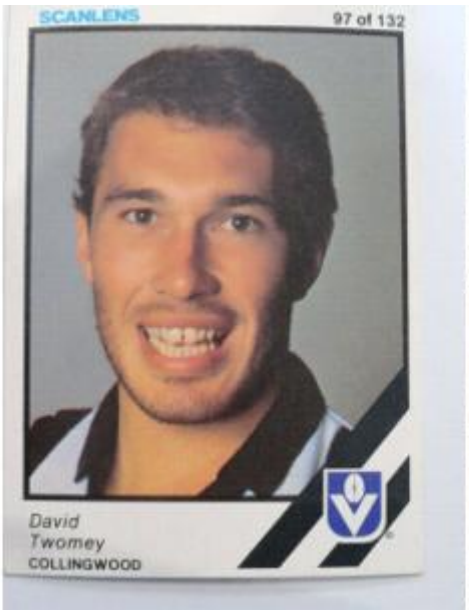
Dave is the son of Peter Twomey, West Heidelberg YCW, Heidelberg FC (DVFL) and Collingwood, David's father is the youngest of the four Twomey brothers, Bill junior, Pat and Mick being older and Dave's paternal uncles.

Bill Twomey junior, is listed as playing for Fairfield YCW to which the author believes this may be an error (Collingwood Forever), given his brother's Bill, Mick and Peter, as well as David all played for West Heidelberg YCW.

Making further clear, David played first for Heidelberg Colts before crossing to West Heidelberg YCW U10s where he played out his junior career and then being recruited by Collingwood FC feeder club, Ivanhoe Amateurs.

Dave was at the elite level a resilient, hard-running player best suited to a half back flank, which was where he played most of his 63 VFL games for Collingwood between 1979 and 1985. He was one of the Magpies' best in the 20-point Grand Final loss to Carlton in 1981.

The 1986 season saw him at West Adelaide where he sometimes played a more attacking role than at Collingwood, registering 85 SANFNL games and 95 goals over the course of a four-year stint. He was the Bloods' top goal kicker in his second season at the club, kicking 56 goals (Devaney, J, 2024, Australian Football) (John Devaney, Australian Football; Talking Football South Australia):



Dave went on to play 85 games and boot 95 goals for West Adelaide between 1986-1989 before returning home.

I was lucky enough to play in the some of the West Heidelberg Under 10, 12 & U14 sides with Dave at West Heidelberg YCW. Whilst enjoyed every minute watching this bloke play. He would be linking up with the likes of Mark Lynch (Heidelberg Colts), Mark McNamara (Collingwood U19s) and John Devine (North Heidelberg) who combined were brilliant to watch. The famous catch cry attributed to his grandfather, "Kick it to Twomey" was equally applied to David as a junior at West.

Testifying to Dave Twomey (1961-) elite talent, and despite appearing in the 1980 Preliminary Final win and having a great season, was omitted from the Grand Final team for Ricky Barham.
He did however get to play in the 1981 VFL Grand Final, performing well in a losing side.

DAVID MCMAHON (1951-), IVANHOE AMATEURS, PRESTON – FITZROY

David was recruited from Ivanhoe Amateurs by VFA club Preston in 1971 where he played 23 games before being picked up from the Bullants by Fitzroy in 1973. He is a Fitzroy great playing 218 games and booting 236 goals between 1973-1984:

Found was this 1969 photograph of the Hoes enjoying their 1969 B-Grade win. Coach Sid Neale and skipper Bill McWhinnie are being chaired off the ground. The young lad to the left-hand corner enjoying the, moment is David McMahon (Photograph credits: Ivanhoe Amateurs, The Phillips Collection):

David played on the half forward flank for the Lions after being recruited from Preston. He made his league debut in 1973 where he would carve out a career as one of the best half-forward flank specialists in the game. Tough and fleet of foot, McMahon boasted smooth ball handling skills and was dangerous near goals. A Victorian representative, he played a total of 218 VFL games between 1973 and 1984, booting 236 goals. Some of his finest performances for the Lions came during the club's all too rare forays into the finals (Source: John Devaney, Australian Football).

Many Berger Boys would remember getting decked out at the Men's Den in Burgundy Street during the 1970s.

The store owned by David McMahon and John Murphy opened in 1974 and was featured in the Herald Sun. This is what was written:

> *"The attractive lass in the centre of this picture is not a Fitzroy footballer nor a part-owner of "Men's Den," a clothing store for young males which opened in Burgundy St, Heidelberg, yesterday.*
>
> *She's Robin Miller, 23, who starts work today as a home-economics teacher at Mandeville Hall, Toorak.*
>
> *But the fellow Robin is measuring a colourful jumper against is Fitzroy footballer – her husband of a few months, Ian Miller, out at present with a chipped shoulder bone.*
> *On the left of Lloyd Brown's picture is David McMahon, a part-owner of "Men's Den," and on the right, John Murphy, another part-owner.*
>
> *And yes, they are the David McMahon and John Murphy who play for Fitzroy.*
> *More than that, "Murph," like David, a local Heidelberg boy, also captains the Lions and plays for Victoria.*

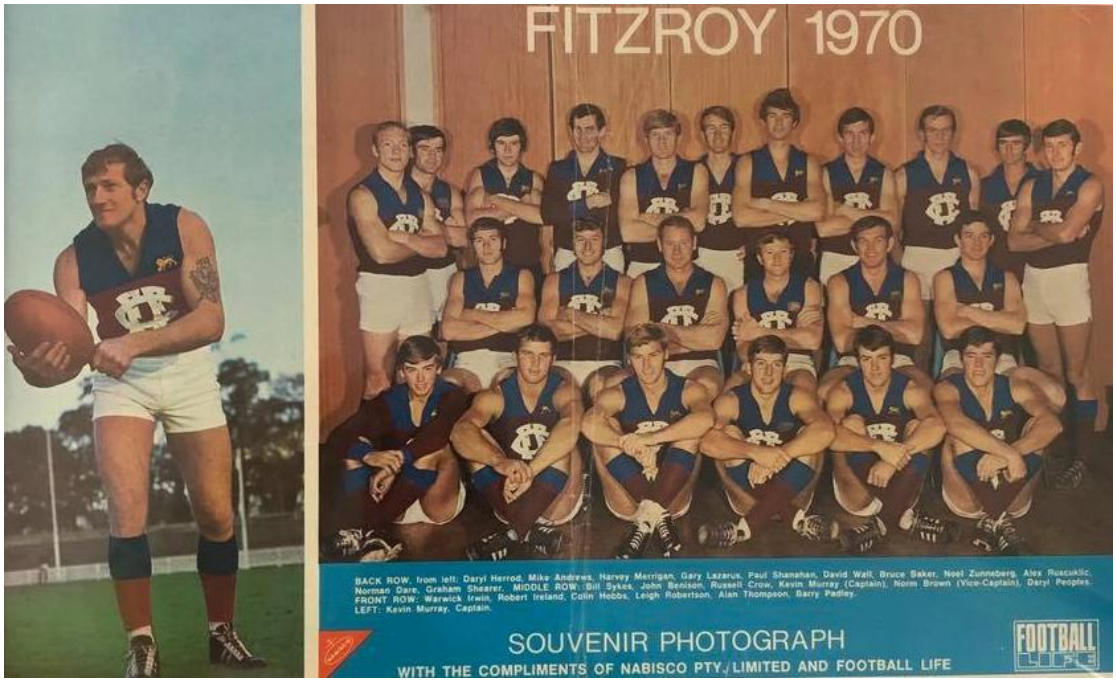
And if this isn't a "plug" for nice-guy footballers, there's not been one written (This great photograph below is courtesy of Herald Sun, Llyod Brown 1974):

The footnote to this story is that Ian Miller, 1972 Sandover Medallist WAFL, was also a Fitzroy player who transferred to the club in 1974 and played 80 games booting 33 goals from 1974-1977 before returning home. He was a terrific footballer in his own right.

DAVID WALL (1947-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW - COLLINGWOOD AND FITZROY (WENT TO HEIDELBERG HIGH SCHOOL)

Dave joined Fitzroy at age 19 in 1967 and retired at the age of 28. He was a regular senior player and played 132 senior games kicking 120 goals. He topped Fitzroy's goal-kicking in 1974 with 35 goals. (David Wall - Player Bio, Australian Football). David was an honest footballer at VFL Level rather than flamboyantly skilled. The Lions used him in a variety of positions, but he played his best football on the forward line. Being a Fitzroy tragic, I saw him and other local heroes every week and can attest to him being a reliable footballer. After leaving Fitzroy at the end of the 1976 season he played briefly for Northcote in the VFA (Source: Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers) (AFL Tables: David Wall; Holmesby, Russell; Main, Jim (2007). The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers; Fiddian, M, 2001, p41, The VFA: a history of the Victorian Football Association, 1877–1995):

David is pictured below in the Fitzroy 1970 team photograph, 6th from the right along with other Berger Boys, Norm Brown, Leigh Robertson


FITZROY 1970
BACK ROW, from left: Daryl Herrod, Mike Andrews, Harvey Merrigan, Gary Lazarus, Paul Shanahan, David Wall, Bruce Baker, Noel Zunneberg, Alex Ruscoliic, Norman Dare, Graham Shearer. MIDDLE ROW: Bill Sykes, John Beckson, Russell Crow, Kevin Murray (Captain), Norm Brown (Vice-Captain), Daryl Peoples. FRONT ROW: Warwick Irwin, Robert Ireland, Colin Hobbs, Leigh Robertson, Alan Thompson, Barry Padley. LEFT: Kevin Murray, Captain.
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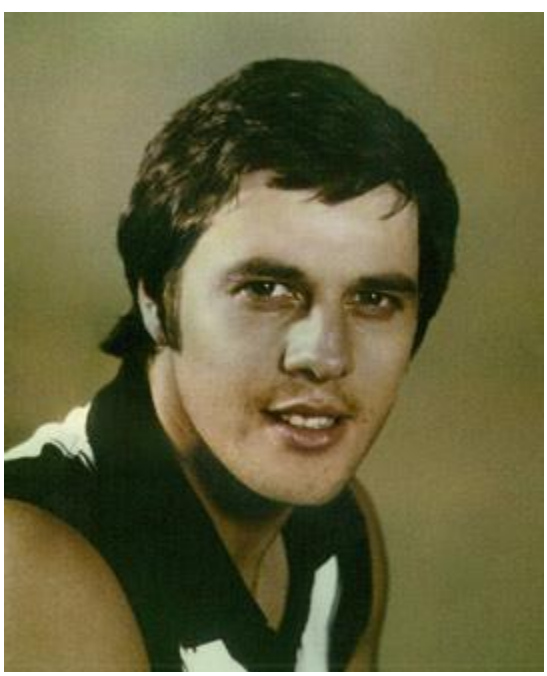
DOUGLAS BENNETT (1894-1975), IVANHOE AMATEURS – FITZROY 1917

Doug played 4 games and kicked 2 goals playing for Fitzroy seniors in the VFL in 1917 (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p61, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 10th ed, d, Victoria: BAS Publishing. p. 61; Doug Bennett's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Doug Bennett at AustralianFootball.com.

Brenden Campbell, Curator and Historian, Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society on the 4th March, 2022, confirmed from the club's official records, Doug was an Ivanhoe Amateur player when recruited by the Roys in 1917.

DOUG GOTT (1950-), IVANHOE AMATEURS - COLLINGWOOD

Doug played 97 senior games for Collingwood from round 14 1969 to the 1977 grand final. He is a life member of the Collingwood Football Club (Doug Gott Player Profile - Collingwood Forever). He also played cricket for Victoria. A left footed defender, Gott also played several games as a centre half forward. He played in the drawn 1977 VFL Grand Final but didn't appear in the replay due to a cracked kneecap. It turned out to be a career-ending injury and he never managed another senior game. Gott was also a talented cricketer and played in four first-class matches for Victoria in the 1973 - 74 summer and took nine wickets. Below is Doug Gott in full flight:



Doug was actually a Northcote boy (a nearby inner north-east Melbourne neighbour suburb of West Heidelberg).

According to Watson, M (2017) in his article, "Doug Gott – deep connections to football" aged 12, Doug would ride his bike up Victoria Road to Northcote Park Football Club in 1962 for his first year of club football. Football was in the blood along his Mum's side of the family. Doug followed South Melbourne. He had no choice. Both his parents grew up in South Melbourne and supported the Swans.

His uncles had deep connections to football, three of them with South Melbourne Football Club. Into his teenage years, Gott played football and cricket for Northcote Park. Each year was marked by two clichéd seasons, football and cricket. Hours were spent at school, after school and on weekends playing with mates. It was the sports-master at Northcote High, Alec Weston, who recognised Gott's football potential at 16 and suggested he play for Ivanhoe Amateurs. 'Play in the under 19s and you might be able to make seniors,' Weston said.

The suggestion created issues. Gott thought playing seniors was fanciful. He never felt he was that good. To transfer to Ivanhoe Amateurs, he needed a clearance from Northcote Park. When Gott applied for a clearance, he learned a hard lesson about club administration. '*They knocked me back,'* Gott said (Ibid, Watson 2017).

Unperturbed, he went to Ivanhoe Amateurs without a clearance for the 1967 season. It meant he could never play for Northcote Park, or any club in that league again. Without belief in his ability, Gott thought he was taking a risk.

He played about five or six games in the under 19s and four or five games in the seniors. Ivanhoe Amateurs were in A-grade. The rest of the time he was injured. At the end of the season, Gott played cricket for Collingwood. His lope suited his bowling, right arm fast. Later that summer, Keith Stackpole Snr chatted to Collingwood's football coach, Bob Rose as they watched Gott play cricket.

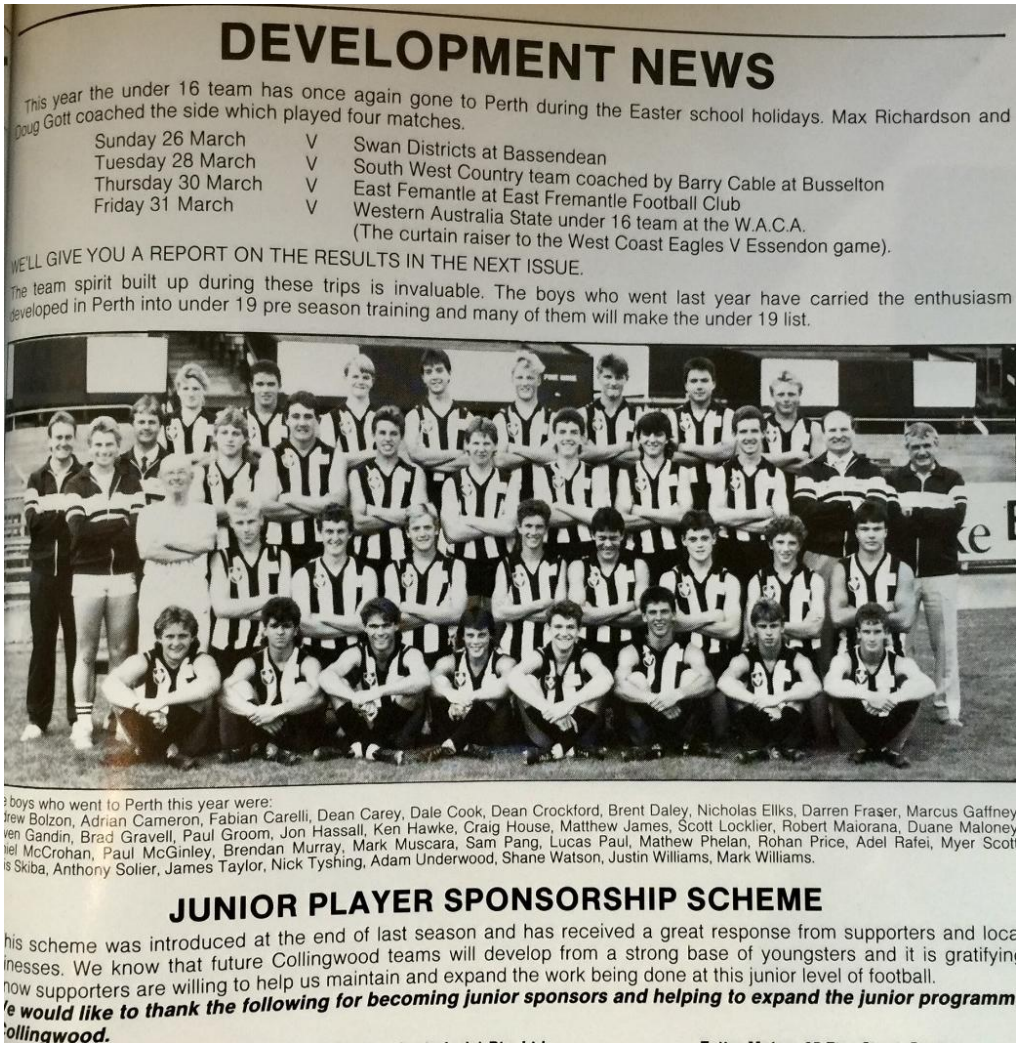
'Doug's playing for Ivanhoe Amateurs,' Stackpole said. 'Why don't you get him down to play the practice games?' We can do that for sure,' Rose said. In 1968, Gott played a few practice matches for Collingwood's reserves. By the end of pre-season, he was playing practice matches in the senior side. Recruitment by Collingwood brought out the skeletons in the family's football closet. As Gott said, *"Only Collingwood people don't hate Collingwood."* Four of Gott's uncles played VFL football, none of them with Collingwood (Ibid, Watson 2017).

Len Crane (145 games) played for South Melbourne, Hawthorn and Victoria. Jack Crane (122 games) played with Essendon, Richmond and North Melbourne. Tom Crane (8 games) played with South and North while and George Bryce (26 games) played for South Melbourne. Watson, 2017, wrote: *"The uncles gathered around Gott, giving him grief. 'Bloody Collingwood,' the uncles said. 'We hate Collingwood'"*

As we all know it was traditional passion, but the hate didn't last. Later, an uncle said Gott had found a good club. *"If you do the right thing, they'll do the right thing by you,"* the uncle said (Ibid, Watson 2017).

At Collingwood, Doug became friends with West Heidelberg boy Ross 'Twiggy' Dunne. They had a connection also due to Twiggy being a South Melbourne supporter as a kid. Twiggy's dad owned a business in South Melbourne. Dunne and Gott reminisced about South's champs as they trained.

In 1989, Doug and Max Richardson coached the first U16 Development Squad raised by Collingwood FC. The photograph also features as part of the squad a young Sam Pang (Grew up in Preston):



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

This year the under 16 team has once again gone to Perth during the Easter school holidays. Max Richardson and Doug Gott coached the side which played four matches.

Sunday 26 March	V	Swan Districts at Bassendean
Tuesday 28 March	V	South West Country team coached by Barry Cable at Busselton
Thursday 30 March	V	East Fremantle at East Fremantle Football Club
Friday 31 March	V	Western Australia State under 16 team at the W.A.C.A. (The curtain raiser to the West Coast Eagles V Essendon game).

WE'LL GIVE YOU A REPORT ON THE RESULTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

The team spirit built up during these trips is invaluable. The boys who went last year have carried the enthusiasm developed in Perth into under 19 pre season training and many of them will make the under 19 list.

e boys who went to Perth this year were:
rew Bolzon, Adrian Cameron, Fabian Carelli, Dean Carey, Dale Cook, Dean Crockford, Brent Daley, Nicholas Ellks, Darren Fraser, Marcus Gaffney
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JUNIOR PLAYER SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

his scheme was introduced at the end of last season and has received a great response from supporters and loca
inesses. We know that future Collingwood teams will develop from a strong base of youngsters and it is gratifyin
now supporters are willing to help us maintain and expand the work being done at this junior level of football.
'e would like to thank the following for becoming junior sponsors and helping to expand the junior programm
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FATUI ATAATA (1965-), BELLFIELD – COLLINGWOOD, LATER COBURG LIONS, HEIDELBERG FC (DVFL/NFNL) AND BUNDOORA (DVFL/NFNL)

Fatui is the younger brother of my former Bellfield junior's team mate, Tonga Ataata. Fatui is also a 1976, Under 14 Bellfield premiership team mate of my brother Rick Guest. Fatui first wore the black and white stripes in 1981 as part of Collingwood's under-19s. He would eventually accumulate 43 games over three seasons, highlighted by a runner-up finish in the under-19s best and fairest award for 1982.

This overlapped with his reserves career, which yielded 40 appearances for 22 goals from 1982 to 1985. Despite being added to Collingwood's senior list in 1983, and contributing significantly on the scoreboard in multiple reserve grade finals, Fatui could never crack it for a senior game, much to the chagrin of the Magpie faithful. He broke his thumb just prior to the start of the 1985 season which ruled him out of selection for a month, causing a setback that perhaps ultimately led to his delisting at the end of the year.

Following his release from Victoria Park, Ataata took his talents to the local football scene, debuting for Ivanhoe in the VAFA in Round 4, 1986. After the Hoes held up the foot of the ladder that year, the following season, Ataata was recruited by Coburg in the VFA. The Burgers missed the finals by half a game, and Ataata would soon find himself back at local level, joining Kyabram for 1988.

Fatui reached his zenith in 1990, being named best on ground in the 1990 Diamond Valley FL grand final as part of a Heidelberg team that defeated a wildly inaccurate Bundoora by 39 points. Fatui would himself later cross to Bundoora, and as late as 1995 he was playing with the Bulls (Gibbs M, 2024, Australian Football).

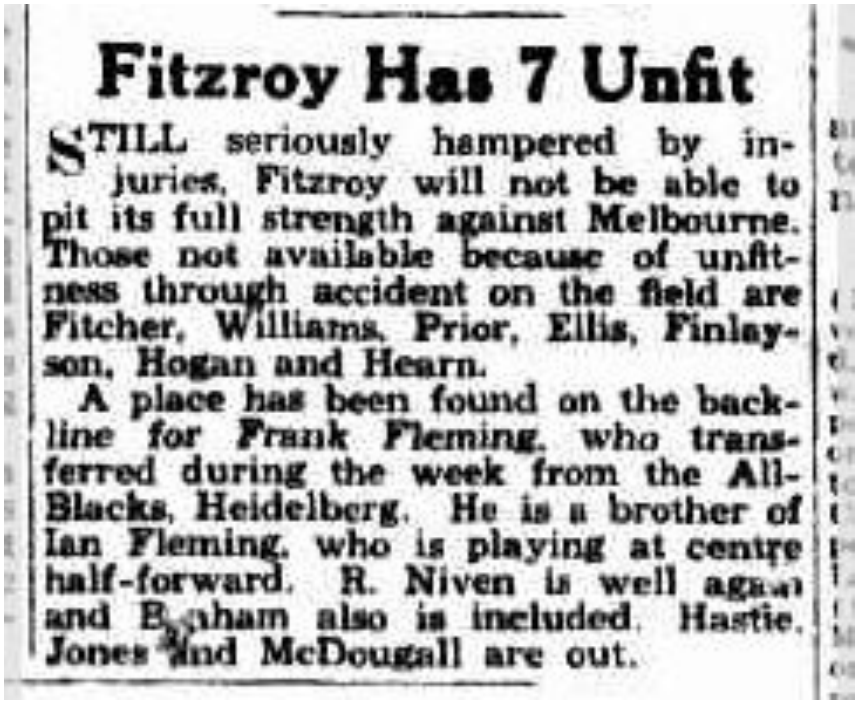
It is rare that a footballer who played exclusively A/VFL reserves football is recounted by both Collingwood and opposition supporters alike, but Ataata's eye-catching play and unique name means he lives on in the minds and memories of many followers, alongside a touch of 'what might have been' (Ibid, Gibbs, 2024).

My brother and Fatui's team mate at Bellfield, as well as all U14 and U16 players for the club at the time all closely connected by brothers, school and Fatui's older brother Tonga playing in the U/16s, enjoyed watching Tonga and Fatui enjoy their very first kicks in competitive junior football. We, like all of our former Bellfield team mates, were in awe of how quickly they took to the game and their individual rapid development. Credit must also go to champion junior coach at Bellfield Brian Byrne Snr.

The Ataata boys are great blokes and their personalities infectious. Well done Fatui and Tonga!!!

FRANK FLEMING (1907-1963), HEIDELBERG FC – FITZROY

Frank Fleming (1907-1963) was recruited by Fitzroy from Heidelberg Football Club to play in the 1931 VFL season joining his brother Ian Fleming who played for the Maroons at Centre Half Forward (The Sun News-Pictorial, Melbourne, Victoria, Friday 24th Jully 1931, Page 12, Fitzroy Has 7 Unfit):



Fitzroy Has 7 Unfit

STILL seriously hampered by injuries, Fitzroy will not be able to pit its full strength against Melbourne. Those not available because of unfitness through accident on the field are Fitcher, Williams, Prior, Ellis, Finlayson, Hogan and Hearn.

A place has been found on the backline for Frank Fleming, who transferred during the week from the All-Blacks, Heidelberg. He is a brother of Ian Fleming, who is playing at centre half-forward. R. Niven is well again and Bingham also is included. Hastie, Jones and McDougall are out.

Frank played 2 senior games where he kicked one goal (Frank Fleming's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Frank Fleming at AustralianFootball.com).

GEOFF MILES (1962-), OLYMPIC YOUTH FC, IVANHOE AMATEURS - COLLINGWOOD, WEST COAST EAGLES, GEELONG.

Geoff was an Olympic Youth Football Club player recruited by Ivanhoe Amateurs. He was then recruited by Collingwood. He spent three seasons at Collingwood and played 31 of a possible 68 senior matches, before being delisted.

Gary Stocks (1991, p89, Miles and Hutton in Goal Feast'; The West Australian, 10 June 1991), informs that he moved to Western Australia in 1985 after being recruited by Claremont, for whom he played a total of 73 senior matches over the next seven seasons. He was part of the inaugural West Coast list and debuted in their inaugural VFL game at the start of the 1987 season.

Geoff played alongside the authors brother, Rick Guest, at Olympic Youth FC and for West Coast Eagles Geoff played alongside Sean King, as part of the inaugural West Coast Eagles team. Sean played with John Guest at Hamersley-Carine Amateurs, now part of the Perth Football League and was earlier a star player for West Perth in the WAFL before being recruited by West Coast Eagles.

Geoff was a regular with the Eagles for three seasons, during which he played mostly in defence but also showed his ability in attack – as when he kicked five goals from eight kicks in a 76-point win over Carlton during 1989. However, in 1990 he struggled to get a game as a champion defence led by Guy McKenna and John Worsfold emerged.

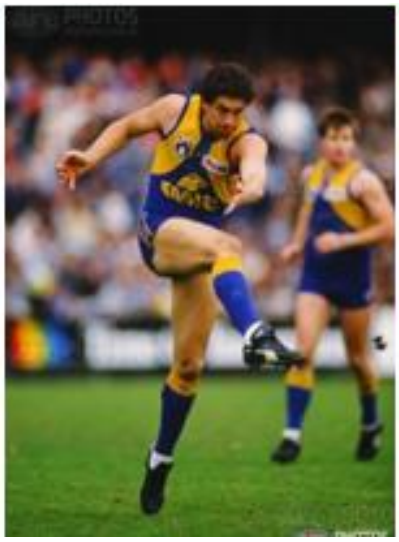
Consequently, he returned permanently to Claremont and played in their 1990 grand final loss to Swan Districts. The following season Geoff did not play in the AFL but was a member of the Tigers' 1991 premiership team, by which time he had been moved permanently into attack and formed a deadly combination with future Brisbane, Sydney and Fremantle full-forward, John Hutton. He would have played for the WAFL against the SANFNL, but for an appointment in Victoria.

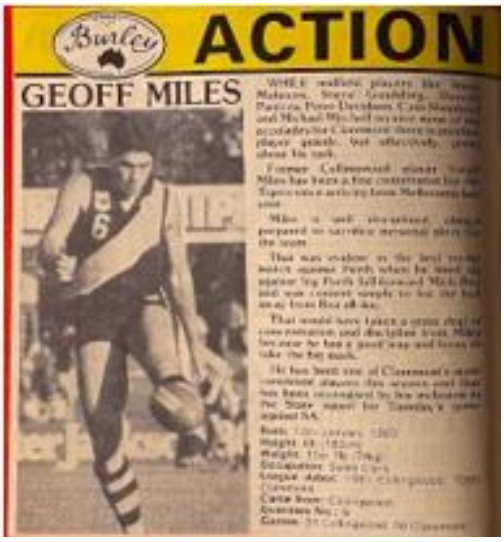
A four-time Western Australian interstate representative, Geoff was traded to Geelong in the 1991 AFL Draft, thus missing out on West Coast's premierships in 1992 and 1994. He did however take part in the 1992 AFL Grand Final with Geelong, but lost to his former club West Coast.

After spending much of the first half of 1992 back in defence and then six rounds in the reserves, he returned to attack and upon promotion to the Cats' senior team kicked seven goals in a game against Melbourne and followed it up with five goals in each of the next two rounds (Sources: AFL Tables; AustralianFootball.com).

The following year 1993, Miles won a premiership with local BFL side Barwon Heads, before becoming president of that club until 2006. During this period, Miles became the foundation coach of controversial ninth Westar Rules club Peel Thunder in 1997. The Thunder suffered a string of dreadful thrashings in 1997 and won only one game by three points, but Geoff set a target of six wins for 1998.After the Thunder remained winless nine games into the season, however, Miles abruptly resigned, saying that he had given up trying to improve the club (New Setback for Peel as Miles Quits'; in *The West Australian*, 3 June 1998, p152).

Geoff's son, Teia, was drafted to Hawthorn with pick 49 in the 2014 AFL draft. Geoff's daughter is married to Geelong Footballer Mitch Duncan (Collingwood image: Collingwood Forever; West Coast image: Wiki Fandom; Claremont bio – Claremont Football Club):





GEOFF RUTTY, BELLFIELD

Geoff a Bellfield Under 16 premiership player was picked up by the pies in 1977 and went on to play 17 games for the Under 19s at Collingwood in 1977 and 1978:

COLLINGWOOD FOREVER

Under-19s Players R-Z

An estimated 1049 players represented Collingwood's Under-19 team between 1951 and 1991. Below is a list of those players with surnames beginning from R-Z.

Rutty	Geoff	17	5	1977-78

Geoff is pictured in the centre of the second back row below, 4th from the left:

Pictured left to right above, back row first: is, Peter Brown; Damien Basic (dec); Gary Phillips; Ray Head; Paul Harrison; 2nd BR - Trevor Robinson (Runner, assistant coach) (dec); Geoff Cookson (dec); Greg Beard; Geoff Rutty; Mick McDonald; Paul Horton (dec); 2nd FR - Tom Warden; Greg Mitchell; Graeme Robinson (Captain); Mr (Bob) Robinson (coach) (dec); John Freeman (VC); Bob Palamara; Mick Turner; FR - Colin Gibbs; Jamie Gargaro; Kelly (Brendan) Robinson; John Guest; Mick Castles.

Jamie Gargaro, John Guest and Mick Castles, younger brother of Dougie Castles, Heidelberg Football Club in the Diamond Valley Football Leage and ex West Heidelberg g YCW, all crossed over form West Heidelberg who played on the two southern ovals off Banksia Street also at Ford Park, West Ivanhoe (now Bellfield).

This team were champion premiership winners of the Under 16 PDJFA in 1976, defeating at Cramer Street Preston, Preston RSL Captained by pre-Collingwood legend Peter Daikos.

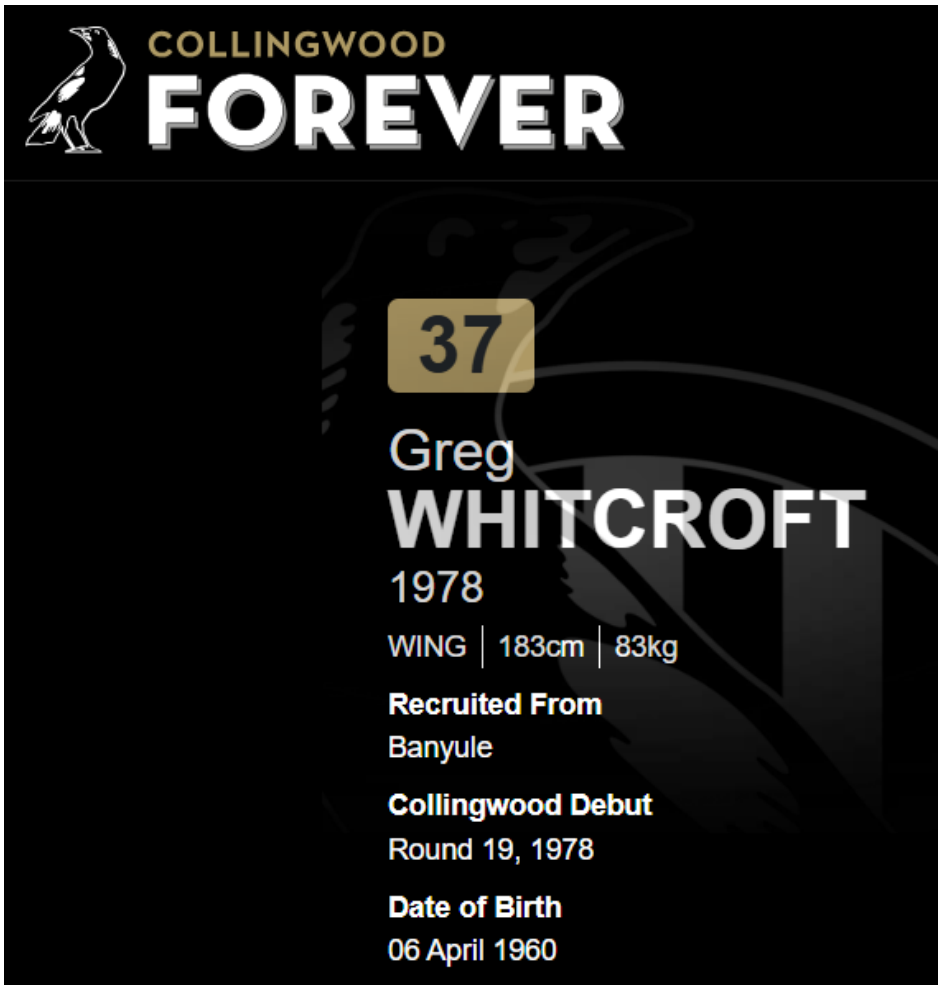
GLENN ROBERTSON (1952-), OLYMPIC YOUTH CLUB FC - FITZROY, THEN EAST PERTH (WAFL) AND PORT MELBOURNE (VFA).

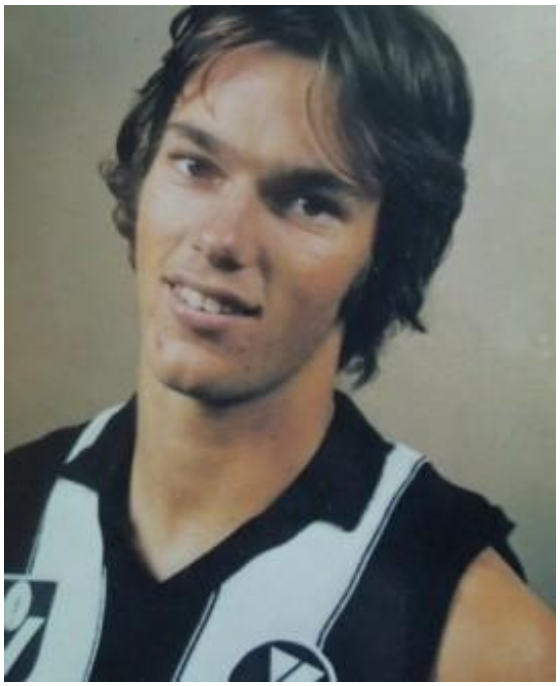
Glenn is the younger brother of Olympic and Fitzroy player, Leigh Robertson (1950-) and he was mainly used by Fitzroy as a wingman during his 50 games, 13 goal stint with the Roys from 1972 to 1976. Glenn was the sort of footballer that improved with every game within the VFL senior ranks. After producing easily, the best and most consistent football of his career in 1976, he somewhat surprisingly decided to transfer to East Perth where he was transformed into a top-notch full back. Among his 91 appearances for the Royals between 1977 and 1981 was the 1978 grand final win over Perth.

The 1982 season saw Robertson crossing to VFA first division club Port Melbourne in the VFA where he enjoyed a highly memorable debut season which culminated in a near best on ground performance at centre half back in a 7-point grand final defeat of Preston. He remained with Port until 1986, playing a total of 67 games for an overall career tally of 208 (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p757, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897 (10th ed.) (Photograph source: Fitzroy F.C. 1973 team photo):

GREG WHITECROFT, MACLEOD

Collingwood Forever, says Greg played for Banyule junior football club. Hir root club is definitely MacLeod paying there for the eagles in when they played in the PRSF. He stood on Patty Mineely's head plenty of times for Macleod. Patty (Dr. Patrick Mineely) was consulted by the present author to this update edition.





IAN CORBETT FLEMING (1909-1984), HEIDELBERG FC

Ian was recruited by Fitzroy prior to the start of the 1931 season and went on to play 64 games and kicking 32 goals for Fitzroy between 1931-1935. His twin is Keith Fleming in the Victorian Football League (VFL) (Ian Fleming's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Ian Fleming at AustralianFootball.com).

His youngest older brother Frank Fleming (1907-1963) was recruited later that year in late July 1931 and played 2 senior games for the Maroons.

Ian’s twin brother of Keith George Fleming who joined the Roys in 1930 and played 6 games and kicked 4 goals between the years 1930-1934 for Fitzroy. He then crossed to Hawthorn playing a further senior VFL game (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p281; The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 10th ed Ian Fleming's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Ian Fleming at AustralianFootball.com).

IVAN JAMES SHARP (1909-1989), IVANHOE AMATEURS – FITZROY 1929-1930.

Captain Ivan James Sharp (1909-1989) (Australian Army WWII) is the son of Rose Evelyn (Brown) Sharp and James Sharp. Father James, a.k.a Jim Sharp former Collingwood FC Captain and President.

He debuted for the Maroons in 1929 after being recruited from Ivanhoe Amateurs and played 18 games over two seasons booting 13 goals (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p805, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 10th ed; Ivan Sharp's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Ivan Sharp at Australian Football.com).

Earlier in 1929, Ivan almost made the Collingwood list earlier that year. He missed the 1931 season for Fitzroy returning to Ivanhoe before being cleared by Fitzroy to Melbourne after May 1932.

In 1932 Ivan was cleared to Melbourne Football Club from Fitzroy where he would play in the 2nd of the Red Legs Back-To-Back reserved premiership teams. This is how Melbourne Football Club 1932 reserves performed during the home and away season in 1932 (Source: Melbourne FC):

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.
GEELONG	18	16	2	64
MELBOURNE	18	16	2	64
CARLTON	18	15	3	60
ESSENDON	18	12	6	48
Richmond	18	11	7	44
Footscray	18	10	8	40
Collingwood	18	9	9	36
South Melb.	18	6	12	24
St. Kilda	18	5	13	20
North Melb.	18	4	14	16
Fitzroy	18	4	14	16
Hawthorn	18	—	18	—

Ivan performed extremely well in Grand Final and booted 3 goals to help the red legs defeat the bombers to win back-to back VFL reserve grade flags The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Monday 3rd October 1932, Page 13, Football):

LEAGUE SECONDS.

Melbourne Wins Premiership.

The great crowd that came early to see the League grand final saw much of interest in the grand final of the League seconds. Melbourne, defeating Essendon, consequently gained its second successive premiership.

Both sides were slow to settle down, Melbourne in particular fumbling a great deal. Play was fast, however, and this made the game spectacular. At quarter time, Melbourne led by 2-3 to 1-1, but there was little between the teams. Essendon was the better team in the early part of the second quarter, but fine defence kept it off. Play was scrambling and unscientific, but Melbourne, using its weight to advantage, had the good lead of 5-6 to 2-3 at half-time. Essendon fought desperately in the third quarter and worried Melbourne, whose players gave away many free kicks. Its superiority was such that it kicked 2-4 to one behind during the quarter, and was only four points behind at three quarter time. Melbourne rallied in the last quarter and reversed the position, for Essendon added only one behind. Melbourne finished strongly, being superior in the air and showing the greater stamina and pace. The final scores were: - Melbourne 8 goals 12 behinds, Essendon 4 goals 10 behinds.

Goal-kickers. —Melbourne-Sharp (3), McInnes (2), Deane, Coomber, Ogden. Essendon-Cahir (2), Gomez, Walker.

Deane, the former senior player, who is captain and coach of the side, played splendidly for Melbourne. Power was a great success at centre half-back, Ogden played well on the wing, McInnes was effective in attack, and Ryan (full back), Roberts, Watson, and Pickford also showed good form. For Essendon Fay was a solid full back, Le Brun played strongly in the centre, and Gomez Simpson, Jacobsen, Colliss, and Morgan was the best of the others. At three-quarter time Henning (injured) was replaced on the Melbourne side by Young.

LEAGUE SECONDS.

Melbourne Wins Premiership.

After leaving Fitzroy in 1930, he probably returned to play at Ivanhoe and prior to the Maroons clearing him late May 1932 to the Melbourne Football Club.

Ivan is found best a field for Ivanhoe in their VFL League Sub-Districts First-Grade Competition clash against East Brunswick. No doubt this helped him to catch the gaze of the Melbourne Football Club (The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Monday 2nd May 1932, Page 13, Metropolitan Amateurs):

LEAGUE SUB-DISTRICTS.

Features of the opening games of the League Sub-districts were the victory of Ivanhoe (which returned to the first grade after five years with the second grade) over East Brunswick, the high scoring of South Melbourne District and Kew, and the success of Thornbury in its first League engagement against the strong Kew District team.

Prior to the Kew-Auburn match the premiership pennant won by Kew and presented by the Victorian Football League was unfurled by Mrs. Kennedy (mother of the president of the club). Subsequently S. McKenzie, winner of the Clota medal for the best and fairest player in the first grade, was presented with the medal by the mayor of Kew on behalf of Mr. M. Clota.

FIRST GRADE.

Kew, 25—20; Auburn, 10—14. With forwards and rucks operating cleverly, Kew was too strong and resourceful for Auburn. Auburn was the equal of Kew across the centre. Kew was well served by K. Marshall, Flanagan, Barr, Bernard, Sutton, and Ashby. Auburn's best were Booth, McKenzie, Bennett, Matthews, and Foster. Goal-kickers:—Kew—K. Marshall (9), Ainsworth (4), Coulsell (4), Ashby (2), Harris (2), Avery (2), Barr, and Flanagan. Auburn—Freeker (3), Fuller (2), Foster (2), Dowell, Matthews.

Fairfield, 11—20; Darling, 6—6. More experienced, better in the air, and across the centre, Fairfield defeated Darling, which was superior in the ruck and sound in defence. Best Players:—Fairfield—A. Powell, Melrnes, Martin, Rowe, Ames, Kopke. Darling—Swanson, Dore, Haughton, Taylor, Morrow, Law. Goal-kickers:—Fairfield—Ames (4), Sherer (3), Goldie, Kopke, Rowe, Ludlow. Darling—Miles (1), Dore, Oswald.

Ivanhoe, 15—16; East Brunswick, 9—10. Ivanhoe suprised East Brunswick with its pace and cleverness and easily countered East's ruggedness and aerial superiority in a fast and spectacular game. Best Players:—Ivanhoe—Sharp, Rutherford, Miles, Thrupp, Crosby, Quinn. East Brunswick—Wilson, Hyde, Aldag, Dixon, Russell, Nolan. Goal-kickers:—Ivanhoe—Sharp (4), Thrupp (4), Andrews (2), Gonsalves (2), Baker, Edwards, Quinn. East Brunswick—Hyde (6), Sinnott (2), Wilson.

South Melbourne District, 25—22; St. Kilda District, 1—2. Weak in attack, St. Kilda District could make no impression on South. Best Players:—South Melbourne District — Flynn, Cassidy, Heagerty, Meiltzke, Reynolds, C. Hart, Taylor, Campbell. St. Kilda—Matthews, Southern, Cooper, Mannion. Goal-kickers:—South Melbourne—Reynolds (4), Heagerty (4), Taylor (6), C. Hart (2), Mahoney (2), H. Camp-

Ivan did not play a senior game for the Redleg's before being cleared early in 1933 to the Imperial Football Club, Narrandera, where he played as a playing coach (Narandera Argus and Riverina Advertiser, 23rd May 1933, p2):

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Narandera's football coach, Mr. Ivan Sharp, arrived in Narandera by the evening train on Friday and was met by members of the committee of the Imperial Football Club and other residents. On the previous evening his clearance was granted by the Melbourne Football Club, to which club he was attached this season.

Ivan was born and bred in Ivanhoe (Birth Record: # 28301/1909, BDM Victoria - Name: Ivan Jas SHARP; Place: IVANHOE, VIC; Mothers Name: SHARP, Rose Evelyn BROWN; Fathers Name: SHARP, Jas).

Ivan later served in the Australian Army during World War II rising to become Captain Ivan Sharp ("World War II Roll: SHARP, Ivan James". Department of Veterans Affairs):

World War Two Service
CAPTAIN
IVAN JAMES SHARP
VX22328
AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES
SERVICE AUSTRALIAN ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH 31 AUGUST 1909
PLACE OF BIRTH IVANHOE, VIC
DATE OF ENLISTMENT 5 JUNE 1940
LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT BRIGHTON BCH
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT CAULFIELD, VIC
NEXT OF KIN SHARP, JAMES
DATE OF DISCHARGE 23 JANUARY 1947
POSTING AT DISCHARGE 1 AUSTRALIAN ORDNANCE VEHICLE PARK
Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Ivan married Jean Livingstone (Fraser) Sharp, daughter of James Fraser and Constance Urie (Birrell) Fraser in Melbourne in 1945 (Marriage Record: # 10426 / 1945 BDM Victoria - Name/s: Jean Livingstone FRASER and Ivan Jas SHARP).

He died in 1989 and is buried at Warringal Cemetery Heidelberg (Death Record: # 8317 / 1989. BDM Victoria; Name: Ivan James SHARP); Place: HEIDELBERG, VIC; Mothers Name: SHARP, Rose Evelyn BROWN; Fathers Name: SHARP, James); (Spouse: Jean Livingstone FRASER).

JAKE KING (1984-), NORTH HEIDELBERG – RICHMOND, ALSO COBURG VFA.

Exciting player to watch, Jake previously played for North Heidelberg (DVFL) before moving to the Coburg Tigers in the VFL.

He was a co-winner of Coburg's best and fairest award in 2006 before being selected by Richmond onto their rookie list with the 25th selection in the 2007 Rookie draft. He was temporarily elevated to their senior list in May 2007. After playing every game since his debut round 4 in the 2007 AFL season, he was promoted to the Richmond Tiger's senior list for the 2008 season. Exciting to watch, Jake went on to play 107 games for the tigers booting 79 goals (Sources: AFL Tables; Australian Football).

Jake was a small, explosive forward who is recognised for his toughness and pace around the ball. In the 2011 pre-season King captained Richmond for two matches, against Carlton and Collingwood. On 28 July 2014, King announced his retirement from AFL (Warner, M 25th February 2012, "Richmond utility Jake King pushing the limits at Tigerland," Herald Sun. News Ltd, Australian Football, 2024):

JASON HEATLEY (1972-), NORTH HEIDELBERG - WEST COAST AND ST KILDA (SIX PRACTICE GAMES WITH FITZROY IN 1993).

Heatley started out in the Diamond Valley Football League in Victoria with 118 goals for North Heidelberg and was zoned to Fitzroy, who rejected him as too slight for full-forward (Casellas, K, 1995, p75, "Heatley Believes He Has What It Takes"; in The West Australian; 28 May 1995), after playing six practice matches before the 1993 season, during three of which he was stationed at full-back (Lague, S, 1993, p88, "Blow-in Heatley Takes WAFL by Storm"; The West Australian, 1 June 1993).

Consequently, he was recruited by Subiaco, where he kicked 111 goals in 1993, winning the Bernie Naylor Medal and kicking the highest aggregate of goals since Warren Ralph kicked 128 in 1983.

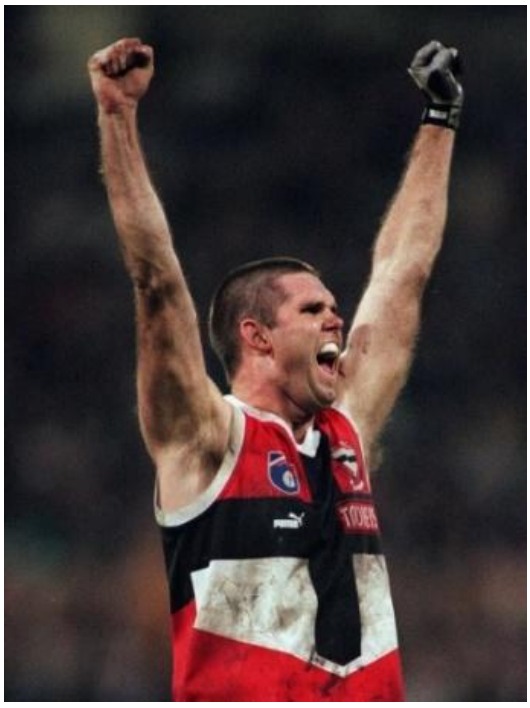
Heatley caught the attention of AFL recruiters, and was picked up in the 1993 AFL Draft by the West Coast Eagles, but the same fears that derailed him from signing with Fitzroy (Ibid Casellas, K, 1995, p75), prevented him breaking into the strong Eagles team, but did play 3 senior games and kicked 8 goals for the Eagles over the 1995-1996 seasons.

After three seasons on the list for just three games, Heatley was delisted at the end of 1996. Heatley continued nonetheless to kick goals for Subiaco: 81 in 1994, 123 in 1995 (winning his second Bernie Naylor Medal) and 55 in 1996.

St Kilda picked Heatley up in the 1996 AFL Draft, where he played 60 games booting 163 goals. He debuted for the Saints in 1997. Heatley kicked 73 goals in 1997, and he was known for his set-shot accuracy in front of goal. He led St Kilda’s goalkicking and became a vital part of a St Kilda team. In his first game for St Kilda, he kicked 5 goals against Collingwood in Round 3. Heatley also kicked a personal best of 9 goals and 1 behind that year in Round 14 where St Kilda won by 9 goals against North Melbourne at Waverley Park.

Heatley played in 17 of 22 matches in the 1997 AFL Premiership Season home-and-away rounds in which St Kilda qualified in first position for the 1997 AFL Finals Series, winning the club’s second minor premiership and first McClelland Trophy.

Heatley played in the 1997 AFL Grand Final in which St Kilda was defeated by 31 points. He was the third-highest goalkicker in the AFL that year, behind Tony Modra and Saverio Rocca (Image attributed to Code Sports):



In 1998, Heatley had an average year; the inconsistency of the team reflected his performances. However, he still won the Saints' goalkicking, albeit with only 48 goals for the year. In 1999 and 2000, Heatley's AFL career started to tapper. He managed only thirteen games in 1999 for a return of 27 goals, and in 2000 he played seven games for fifteen goals (Still averaging 2 goals per game), after which St. Kilda, trying to rebuild after a disastrous season with only two wins under general expectation of at least a finals berth, delisted him. Heatley returned to North Heidelberg in 2001 and won the Diamond Valley goalkicking award by kicking 110 goals.

Heatley had a two-year stint with the Tasmania Devils in the VFL before coaching Warrnambool in the Hampden Football League. Heatley returned to Melbourne and coached Northcote Park Cougars in the Northern Football Netball League (NFNL) (formerly known as the DVFL). Heatley coached the Cougars for three seasons: 2012, 2013, and 2014.

In 2012, Heatley was awarded the ACFA coach of the Northern Region. As of 2023, he remains the coach of North Heidelberg in the NFNL.

My reckoning is that Jason is under recognised for his elite sustained performance at AFL level as a spearhead. Whilst he presently sits 531st amongst the most goals kicked in the AFL/VFL he should be more highly regarded as an AFL and West Heidelberg great, given his 138 games brought a massive 546 haul of goals at an elite average of a 3.95 goals per game for players racking up more than 100 AFL/VFL games.

Whilst he sits just behind the likes Tony Lockett, 4.84 goals per game; Jason Dunstall, 4.66 goals per game; Peter McKenna 4.65 goals per game; and Bob Pratt, 4.32 goals per game; he averaged more than Lance Franklin, 3.011 goals per game – Jason: 3.95 gaols per game).

Jason also represented Western Australia in 1993 and was a standout with WAFL club Subiaco with high goal per game averages (Sources: AFL Tables; AustralianFootball.com).

JIM CHRISTOU (1952-), HEIDELBERG FC – FITZROY

Jim was born 24 December 1952 and played with Fitzroy. While playing for Heidelberg, won the Diamond Valley Football League's best and fairest award in 1971 (Fitzroy's 1974 VFL Reserves premiership team photo courtesy of former Lion Kerrin Hayes).

BACK ROW: P. Ruscuklic, G. Weatherley, D. Harrington, C. Smith, T. Lloyd, A. Sinclair, J. Duckworth, R. Carter, W. Richards, R. Serafini, J. Lorenzini, R. Randall.
MIDDLE ROW: W. Linton, D. Whitford, G. Booth, R. Brain, J. Formosa, W. Barnes (Hon. Treasurer), G. Robertson, C. Cruse, K. Hayes, L. Dwyer, John Christou.
FRONT ROW: L. Wigraft (Chairman), S. Molloy, D. McMahon, N. Dare (Captain), G. Campbell (Coach), L. Robertson (Vice-Captain), Jim Christou, A. Thompson, C. Clark (Hon. Secretary). Absent G. Noonan, K. O'Keefe.

A rover, he started his Fitzroy career in the 1972 VFL season and in 1975 was joined in the team by his younger brother John (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, 2011, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897).

Jim played 30 games and booted 23 goals between 1972-1976 for the senior team. His nine games in 1975 were the most that he would play in a single season ("AFL Tables: Jim Christou". afltables.com). He played thirty senior games for Fitzroy over 4½ years (Marc Fiddian, 3rd May, 1980, p36, "Port's roving Midas stops roaming," The Age. Melbourne).

During the 1976 season, Christou believed he wasn't being afforded a fair opportunity for regular selection at Fitzroy, and he sought a clearance to North Melbourne. When Fitzroy rejected his clearance, he transferred at midseason without a clearance to Port Melbourne in the Victorian Football Association (the VFA and VFL did not have a reciprocal permit agreement in place) (Ibid, Fiddian, 1980, p36).

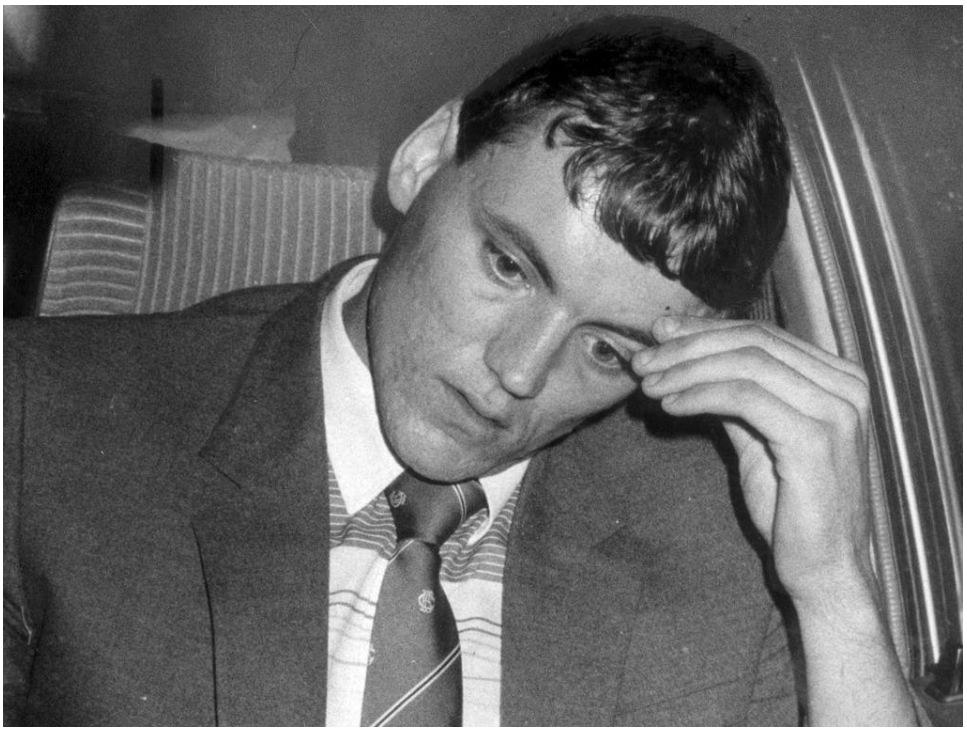
Jim became a regular player on the half-forward line for Port Melbourne over the next 2½ seasons, and was a member of their premiership teams in 1976 and 1977 ("Revenge Is Sweet," Australian Football).
He transferred to Yarrawonga in the Ovens & Murray Football League in 1979, but disliked travelling to the country each weekend and returned to Port Melbourne in 1980. He played in another two premierships with Port Melbourne in 1980 and 1981 (Ibid Fiddian, 1980, p36).

Christou switched clubs in 1982, joining Northcote, and he captained the club to its 1982 second division grand final win over Caulfield (Ibid Fiddian, 1980, p36).

Christou also played district cricket for Northcote as an all-rounder, playing 104 first XI games across a twelve-year career. He was a member of Northcote's 1973/74 First XI premiership ("VCA 1st XI Career records 1889-90 to 2014-15, A-C" (PDF). Cricket Victoria. Archived from the original (PDF) on 8 December 2015. Retrieved 26 February 2016; Ibid Fiddian, 1980, p36).

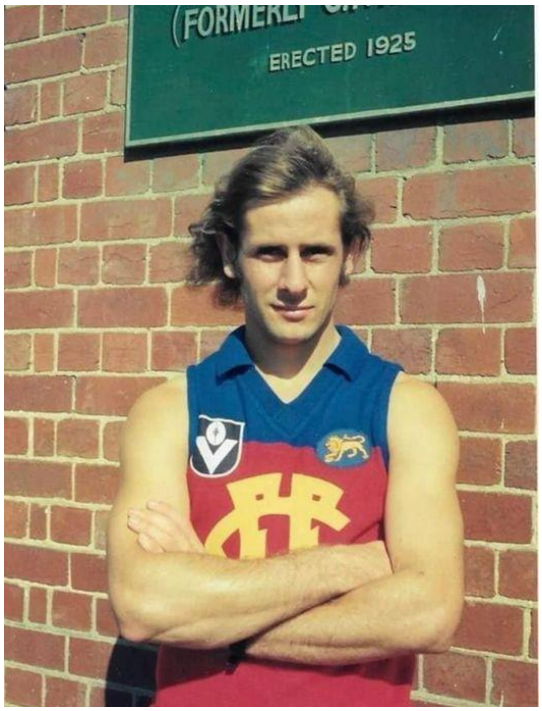
JOHN BOURKE, NORTH HEIDELBERG – COLLINGWOOD, PRESTON

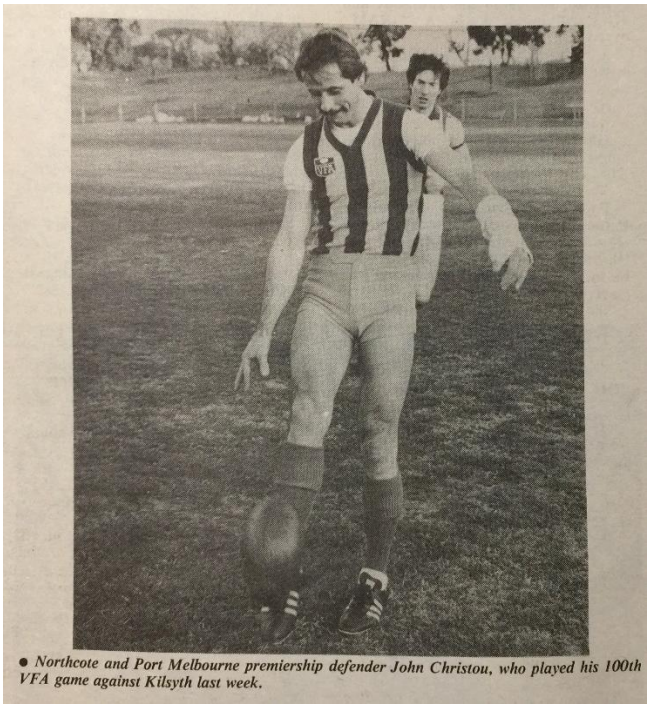
John Bourke (1963-) kicked 104 goals in just 29 games for Preston in the VFA after being recruited from North Heidelberg. Adding five in the 1984 Grand Final ensuring another Preston premiership, before heading to the VFL Magpies. John played 14 reserves games and kicked 20 goals for the pies during the 1984-1985 seasons.



JOHN CHRISTOU (1955-), HEIDELBERG - FITZROY

John also recruited from Heidelberg FC played with Fitzroy between 19755-1977 and managed 7 senior games and one goal (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2011, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 9th Ed; John Christou's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Image courtesy Brenden Campbell, Curator & Historian, Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society):





● *Northcote and Port Melbourne premiership defender John Christou, who played his 100th VFA game against Kilsyth last week.*

John also played alongside his older brother Jimmy winning the 1974 VFL Premiership for Fitzroy Football Club:

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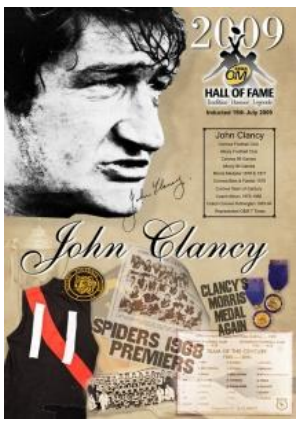
JOHN "JACK" CLANCY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE OVENS & MURRY FL HALL OF FAME IN 2009:



The first part of his biography is courtesy of the Border Mail's sports journalist, David Johnston:

"The first significant step Corowa made in rising from a wooden-spoon finish was appointing Richmond backman Fred Swift as coach.

In his only season as captain, Swift led the Tigers to the 1967 premiership against Geelong with his heroics on the last line of defence late in the game occupying a place in VFL grand final folklore. But remarkably Swift left the VFL behind and immediately set about assembling a team capable of charging up the Ovens and Murray ladder with one of the last pieces in the puzzle being found in the unlikely spot of an opposing team in a practice match.

John Clancy was playing for West Heidelberg YCW against Corowa, but come the start of the 1968 season he would be in Spiders colours and playing a leading role in their first Ovens and Murray premiership for 36 years.
The classy rover became an instant star and was among the Spiders best along with Fred Longmire, Ike Ilsley, Lindsay Jacob, Peter Chisnall and forward Kevin Witherden, who booted seven goals, as they came from behind at three quarter-time to upset Wodonga in the grand final by seven points.

Clancy kicked 3.1 and was credited with 19 disposals in the grand final with his efforts noted by vanquished Wodonga coach Mick Bone after the game.

Two seasons later Clancy would win the first of back-to-back Morris Medals.

In 1970, Clancy won the count by two votes from another O and M Hall Of Famer John Smith and Myrtleford premiership hero Kevin Smith.

The medal counts were conducted in the studios of AMV-4 and a year later Clancy would again win by two votes from North Albury's Ken Osborne to be regarded as the best rover playing in country football.
Clancy travelled from Melbourne to play for Corowa in his two Morris Medal winning seasons and in 1972 he coached the Spiders in a 98-match career at the club.

But, Clancy was lured back to Melbourne and coached Heidelberg where he won two Diamond Valley league best and fairest and took the club into two grand finals, but lost both.

In 1976 he returned to the O and M as coach of Albury and led the Tigers into the finals in his first season at the helm.

They lost the second semi-final to eventual premier Wangaratta by seven points and in the preliminary final led Wangaratta Rovers by six goals before going down.

The Tigers lost 13 players in the off-season before narrowly missing the finals the following season, but they were back in the September mix in the next two years before he bowed out in 1980.

Clancy coached Chiltern on an undefeated march to the 1982 premiership in the Ovens and King league before being lured back to the John Foord Oval for another coaching stint in 1983-84.

Early in his career, Jack Clancy had the rare distinction of playing in two premierships in two days.
A day after playing in Collingwood's under-19 premiership team in 1965 he backed up in a YCWNFL grand final replay for West Heidelberg YCW which his team also won.

He also represented the Ovens & Murray in 1969, 1970, 1972 and 1977."

Jack is pictured below triumphant as a Collingwood U19 Premiership player in 1965. He can be found 2nd from the far right on the third row:

1965 VFL U19 Premiers – Collingwood FC

Back row: H Ball (trainer), P Dyball, R Underwood, D Le Gassick, R Smith, D Burgess, K Eccles. **Third row:** T Perry (committee), F Eccles, R Turner, R Freeman, T Sinclair, G Andrews, J Clancy, H Ross (committee). **Second row:** F McFarlane (committee), R Riley (head trainer), R Foy, T Gooding, B Andersen, A Withers, N Serretalli, R Rouvray, K Henry, W Weston, R Dunn (property steward), D Watson (committee). **Front:** P Brown, B Brady, J Green, A Waller (secretary), G Wallis (Captain), R Richards (Coach), W Egan, B Grinter, G Noble.

Jack is an immortal also at Heidelberg FC DVFL (Obituary by Heidelberg FC – Heral Sun, 9th July 2018:

CLANCY Jack

Publication: Herald Sun Date Listed: 9/7/2018

CLANCY. Jack. Heidelberg FC committee, players, past players and members deeply regret the passing of Jack. Playing captain coach 1973, 74 and 75. Club Best and Fairest 1975 and DVSL best BNF. Captain HFC team of the century. Jacks impact on our club in his 3 years was enormous as his record above indicates. He was a great player and coach. He made our current playing group along with the players from West Heidelberg YCW and other players who came to join Jack into a great team. He led us into 2 grand finals in 3 years. Jack returned to the O & M Football League and is a legend in their Hall of Fame. He retained his interest in the club for the rest of his life and we all mourn his passing. A great player, coach and friend. Deepest sympathy to Christine and all Jacks family members at this sad time. HEIDELBERG FOOTBALL CLUB Rest In Peace.

This proud West Heidelberg YCW boy was made by the Heidelberg DVFL club. A club is also loved, Captain of their "Team of the Century:" (March 8th, 2019, p11, History of the Heidelberg Football & Netball Club, Founded 1876):

TEAM OF THE CENTURY

BACKLINE

Fred Clarke

Ronald Blackburn

Andy Viola

Kevin Dixon

Brian McMahon

Shane Delanty

CENTRELINE

William Twomey

Robin 'Polly' Perkins

Nick Panagiotis

FORWARDLINE

Martin Kemp

Colin Hodgson

William Ellsworth

Ronald Stokes

Jeffo Phillips

Richard Guldon

RUCKS

Geoff Austen

Gordon Dixon

John Clancy (Captain)

INTERCHANGE

Kevin Hart

Chris Hall

Richard Young

Dion Hogan

EMERGENCIES

Michael Sullivan (Coach)

Andrew Harwood

Dean Haydock

Paul May

JOHN MURPHY (1949-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW, LATER HEIDELBERG DVFL, CAPTAIN FITZROY, NORTH MELBOURNE AND SOUTH MELBOURNE.

John Devaney, Australian Football.com records Murph debuted with the Fitzroy Football Club in 1967 after being recruited from Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL) club Heidelberg, and that he went on to set the record for consecutive games played from debut -158 matches. This record held until 2005 when surpassed by Jared Crouch from Sydney.

Prior to crossing to play at Heidelberg, Murph played his junior football at West Heidlberg YCW including a junior premiership whereby my namesake cousin Johhny Guest was a team mate. Murph went on to play 214 games for Fitzroy and kicked 326 goals. Murph was without doubt one of the greatest players in the history of the Fitzroy Football Club.

Devaney (2024) further recognises Murph as a tough and ferocious centreman who won five Fitzroy Best & Fairest awards and captained the Club from 1973 to 1977. He was discarded by the Club at the end of 1977 and went on to play for South Melbourne and North Melbourne. Acknowledged as one of the game's most damaging and valuable performers, Murphy was duly named in the centre of Fitzroy's 'Team of the Century'. John went on to play 23 games and kicked 40 goals for South Melbourne from 1978-79. He further played nine games and kicked eight goals for North Melbourne in 1980.

In 1981, Murphy moved to Tasmania to captain-coach the Ulverstone in the North Western Football Union. He won the Wander Medal as the league's best and fairest. (Ibid Devaney, 2024).

Following his playing career, Murphy had two coaching stints in the VFA/VFL. He coached Werribee briefly from 1983 until 1985, without much success. Then, from 1993 to 1998, John Murphy was coach of the Box Hill Football Club and is the club's longest serving coach. He coached the club to its first Division One grand final in the VFA in 1994, in which Box Hill was defeated by Sandringham by the narrow margin of 9 points. He received life membership of the Box Hill Football Club in 1998 (Ibid Devaney, 2024).

Murphy currently works as the Dispute Settlement Officer in the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League and is still involved with the Fitzroy Football Club in the VAFA. John was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2006 and is the centreman in Fitzroy's official "Team of the Century". His son, Marc Murphy, was the number one draft pick in the 2005 AFL Draft. Marc considered a move to the Brisbane Lions under the father-son rule, as John played for Fitzroy, a club that merged with the Brisbane Bears to form the Brisbane Lions. However, he nominated for the National Draft instead, and was selected by Carlton with the first overall selection. After Marc's 100th game in 2010, Marc, John and John's father Leo Murphy (who played 132 games for Hawthorn in the 1930s) became the only father-son-grandson combination in league history to each play 100 games (Tony De Bolfo, 2011, 100 Club is Murphy's lore). The Murphy's have been joined by the Carlton Silvagni family to also hold jointly hold this player succession honour:

The Murphy family playing dynasty

The researcher had the great pleasure to work alongside Murph at Coburg-Fitzroy Lions, and also for club president and former Coburg champ, the late Rob Evans (recently deceased). At the time, Murph was our club's general manager at the time of the Fitzroy FC and Coburg Lions partnership. I was a club director for a brief period and our partnership club President was Rob Evans. I had the great pleasure also to work with Bill Atherton and Elain Finlay, Fitzroy stalwarts and our objective was to preserve Fitzroy FC.

My wife Liz and I are pictured below after the Coburg Lions defeated Richmond (Barmes, J, 2019, Target 1000: Coburg's toughest and greatest moments – Herald-Sun):

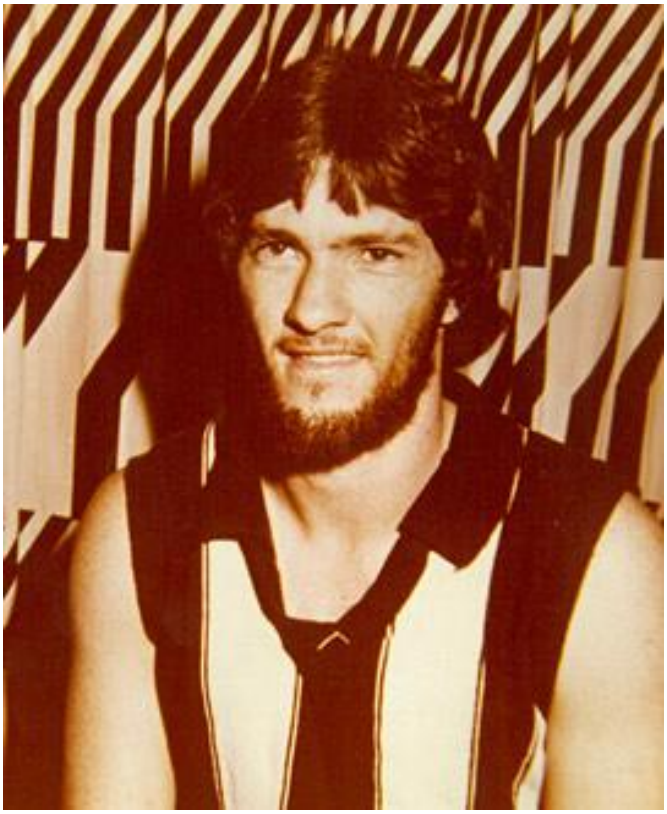
Coburg-Fitzroy supporters John and Liz Guest were among the few to get on board when the club changed its name.

Murph continued to be the general manager after the partnership with Fitzroy and Coburg Lions failed. He is pictured below in his Coburg Tiger's jacket watching his boy Marc Murphy (Carlton champ) play (Getty images, credit The Age). As a child he was my favourite player and after my time brief time at Coburg, in which I was also a Coburg VFA supporter, he is a champion bloke:

I further understand Murph continues to support the Fitzroy Football Club in their fund raising when he can. His unsung efforts to help save the Roys as a playing entity now sees them in the A-Grade comp of the VAFA playing at Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

JOHN WISE (1954-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW - COLLINGWOOD

John was Collingwood Best and Fairest winner in the Under 19 competition in 1973. He played 1974 and part of 1975 in the reserves. He debuts for Collingwood seniors as a 21-year-old in round 13, 1975. He went on to play 23 games with his last senior game played in round 21 1977:



John Wise's playing statistics from AFL Tables, see also Holmesby, R & Main, Jim (2014, p966, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897 (10th ed):

John Wise

Born:19-Mar-1954 (**Debut:**21y 101d **Last:**23y 154d)

Height:170 cm **Weight:**67 kg

Year	Team	#	GM	W-D-L	KI	MK	HB	DI	GL	BH
1975	Collingwood	37	8	4-0-4	55	11	11	66	4	8
1976	Collingwood	19	11	5-0-6	100	12	31	131	4	8
1977	Collingwood	19	4	3-0-1	4		2	6		
Totals			**23**	**12-0-11**	**159**	**23**	**44**	**203**	**8**	**16**
Averages			7.67	52.17%	6.91	1.00	1.91	8.83	0.35	0.70

KEITH GEORGE FLEMING (1909-1985), HEIDELBERG FC – FITZROY & HAWTHORN

Keith George Fleming (16 November 1909 – 10 July 1985) was recruited by Fitzroy in 1930 and played with the club until 1934. He played 6 senior games and in the following year transferred to Hawthorn and managed one further senior VFL game.

At the Maroon he was joined by his older brother Frank Fleming (1907-1963) and twin brother Ian Fleming.

The origin club all three brother Fleming enjoyed was the All-Blacks Heidelberg Football Club who had become known by that name when they moved out of Templestowe to share the ground at Warringal Park, Heidelberg with Heidelberg Football Club.

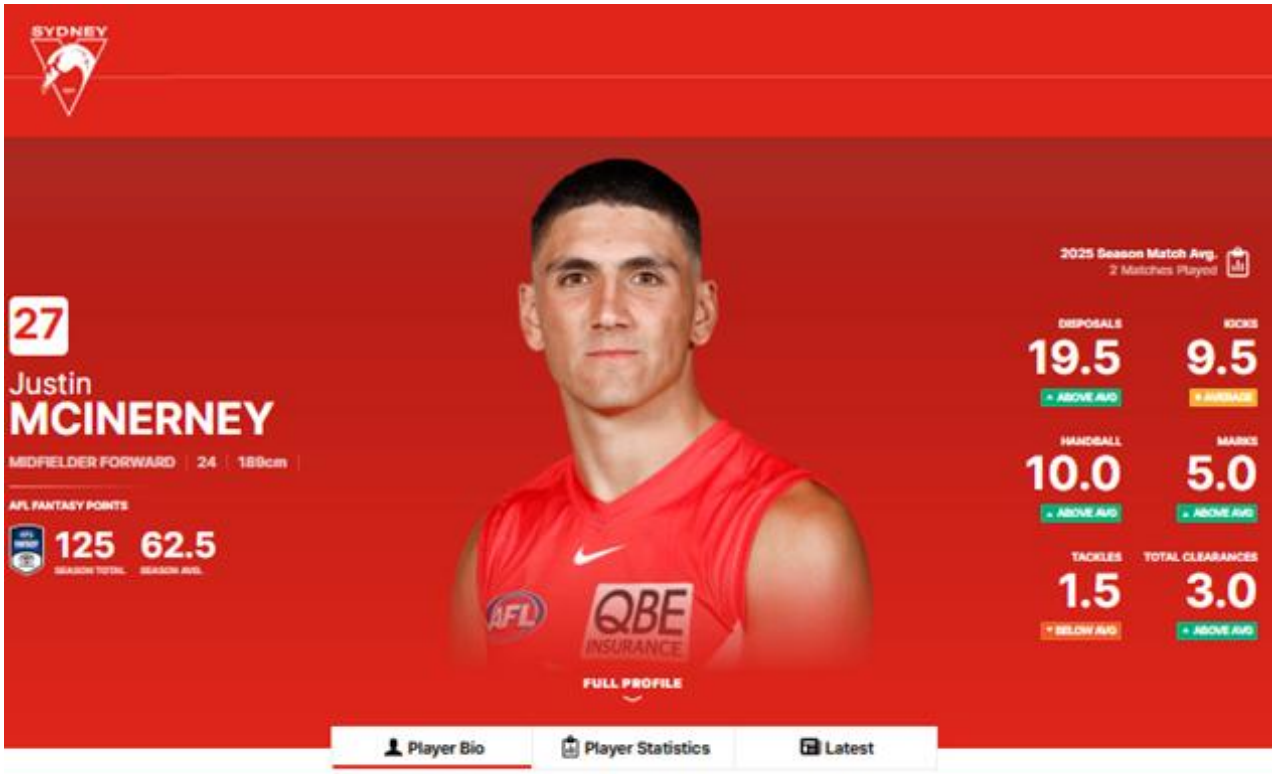
The clubs were courting at the time for an imminent merger which occurred in 1932 with the dominant merger partner being DVFL side Heidelberg FC.

Hence why the Flemming brother of Fitzroy VFL team are counted here as Heidelberg Football Club players (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2014, p2810, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: Every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 10th ed, Keith Fleming's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Keith Fleming at AustralianFootball.com).

The All-Blacks nick name for Heidelberg was given as it seems due to the black mud at Warringal in which the yellow sash of their Guernsey was rarely visible.

JUSTIN MCINERNEY, BANYULE - SYDNEY SWANS

Justin, a.k.a, “Juzzy” was raised in Banyule and participated in the Auskick program at Macleod. He was recruited by the Sydney Swans with the 44th draft pick in the 2018 AFL Draft. He is listed as being recruited from Marcelin College where he went to school but his original junior club in Banyule. As I write, Juzzy is on the verge of his 100-game milestone with the Swans. May his career continue to be a long and successful one:



Justin
McInerney

Why not follow Justin McInerney?

Justin McInerney is lightning-quick, an endurance machine and a clean user of the footy who's best used on a wing or at half-back. The Northern Knights product was called up for his AFL debut against Melbourne at the SCG in Round 4, 2019, and although he wouldn't feature at the top level again in the first year with the Swans, his past five seasons have seen McInerney become a regular in the side. Despite injury the crafty midfielder managed 20 games in the red and white last season, including every finals game. His team-first mentality and commitment to training earned the midfielder the 2024 Dennis Carroll Award for Most Improved.

TOTAL GAMES	TOTAL GOALS	DOB	DEBUT	DRAFT	RECRUITED FROM
94	37	18 August 2000	2019	#44,2018 NationalDraft	Banyule (Vic)/Marcellin College (Vic)/Northern U18

LEIGH ROBERTSON (1950-), OLYMPIC YOUTH CLUB FC – FITZROY

Leigh is the older brother of fellow Fitzroy player, Glenn Robertson (1952-).

Leigh played 76 games from 1969-1974. He was a solidly built half back who played 76 VFL games and scored 14 goals for Fitzroy between 1969 and 1974:

He and Glenn's grandfather, Tom Corrigan, was a member of the Roys' 1922 premiership-winning side.

After leaving the Lions he played in the VFA for Northcote (27 games, 38 goals, 1975-6) and Coburg (14 games, 20 goals, 1977-8). Leigh played in the famous "fog game" in 1971 (Fitzroy vs Carlton at the Junction Oval, 21st August 1971), which Fitzroy upset the reigning premiers. Noteworthy from the boys of West Heidelberg perspective is how many played for Fitzroy that day.

In addition to Leigh, was Shane Molloy (Olympic Youth FC and later Macleod-Rosanna); David Wall (West Heidelberg YCW & HHS); then there is West Heidelberg's adopted son Alex Ruscuklic. It is his younger brother Peter who played later for Fitzroy who did play for Bellfield juniors and West Heidelberg YCW.

Playing that day also for Fitzroy was Barry Padley (later Heidelberg, DVFL), Norm Brown (North Heidelberg and HHS) and the great John Murphy later Captain of the Roys from 1973-1977- and 5-time Lions B&F (West Heidelberg YCW and Heidelberg FC in the DVFL).

Brother's Leigh Robertson (1950-) and Glenn Robertson (1952-), as well as their best friend, neighbour and fellow Olympic Youth FC team mate, Trevor Llyod (1952-) also went on to play for Fitzroy seniors. They all played in the same Fitzroy senior team on many occasions and a fact not lost of the Olympic Youth FC family or their West Heidelberg Fitzroy tragic such as me.

MICK ERWIN (1943-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW – COLLINGWOOD & RICHMOND

Mick played in the VFL between 1962 and 1964 for the Collingwood Football Club and from 1965 to 1968 for the Richmond Football Club. He lived at 1 Griffiths Street West Heidelberg and in 1964, whilst a player with the pies he also coached West Heidelberg YCW U19s.

In 1964, one of his up-and-coming players was none other than Collingwood and V/AFL great, Peter McKenna. Also, in the same U19 team at West Heidelberg YCW coached by Mick was North Melbourne player, Mick Howell (1946-1985) (Refer next page).

Erwin then crossed to Coburg in the VFA during the 1968 season and was captain/coach from 1969 to 1972, leading the Lions to the 1970 2nd Division premiership. Erwin stepped down as coach for the 1973 season, but remained as captain under new coach John Dugdale. Ahead of the 1974 season, Coburg traded Erwin to Port Melbourne for Peter Smith. Both players won premierships with their new clubs in 1974.

In 1975 Erwin was appointed captain-coach of Diamond Valley League team Templestowe, but Port Melbourne refused a clearance and he played a second season for the Borough.

Retiring as a player, Erwin returned to Richmond as a specialist coach for two seasons.[2]
In 1978 he returned to the VFA, as coach of Prahran taking the Two Blues to the 1978 VFA premiership. He commenced the 1982 season as reserves coach at Collingwood before taking over as senior coach from Tom Hafey after he was sacked in the middle of the 1982 season. He coached the Magpies for the final twelve games of the 1982 season. Erwin, however was not retained as Collingwood Football Club senior coach at the end of the 1982 season and was replaced by John Cahill as Collingwood Football Club senior coach:

MICK (MICHEAL LEO) HOWELL (1946-1985), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW – NORTH MELBOURNE

A West Heidelberg YCW Under 19 team mates of Peter McKenna in 1964, having worked his way up through the grades at North Melbourne playing in the ruck, he debuts in round three in 1967 for his first of seven senior appearances in 1967.

Growing up, Mick lived on the opposite corner of Griffiths Street and Waterdale Road West Heidelberg from Mick Erwin. My father Jack Guest, ex Carlton and Fitzroy reserves player was the nephew of North Melbourne Football Club's first premiership coach John Henry Guest 1862-1922, known also as Jack Guest who coached North Melbourne' second twenty to back-to-back flags in 1886-1887 (pre-VFL).

Mick loved the early history of the club and often shared stories with my father on the corner of Griffiths Street & Waterdale Road during the late 1960s.

In 1968 and 1969 he was a regular senior player, and when he left the club in 1970 his four-season stint had seen him play 53 VFL games and score 15 goals. Mick died at the young age of 35 in 1985.

Mick died young, aged 39 years (Sources: Holmesby, R & Main, J, 2014, p412, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 10th ed; p412; AFL Tables, AustralianFootball.com).

Pictured below is Mick Howell, wearing number 13 for the Roos, watching team mate Frank Dimattina take a mark in the Round 16 clash against Essendon in 1969:

A few doors further down from the Howells was a long-time supporter and trainer at North Melbourne during the 1940s, early 1970s who I knew as Mr Kerr. Mick and North player would occasionally enjoy a BBQ and a few drinks at Mr & Mrs Kerr's Griffith Street home in West Heidelberg (now Bellfield) (East end corner Sullivan Street West Heidelberg in the late 1960s).

Mick is also pictured below with his U18 team mates 1964, at West Heidelberg Football Club. Mick can be found middle row, 2nd from the left along with the great Peter Mckenna 2nd from the right also middle row:

Mick was recruited to North Melbourne and Peter, Collingwood to play in the VFL under 19s in the following year, 1965. I have been unable to identify the names of the remaining team mates but suspect there was some significant talent, i.e. Ron Best.

MARK MCNAMARA (1961-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW - COLLINGWOOD

Mark played his junior football at West Heidelberg YCW and went on to play 13 games and kick 3 goals for Collingwood Under 19s in 1979. He also played for his school Parade College.

He was a great mate of David Twomey, also West Heidelberg YCW.

The author had the privilege to play with these two players at West Heidelberg YCW in U10, U12 & U14s.

Under-19s Players - the complete list

McNamara	Mark	13	3	1979

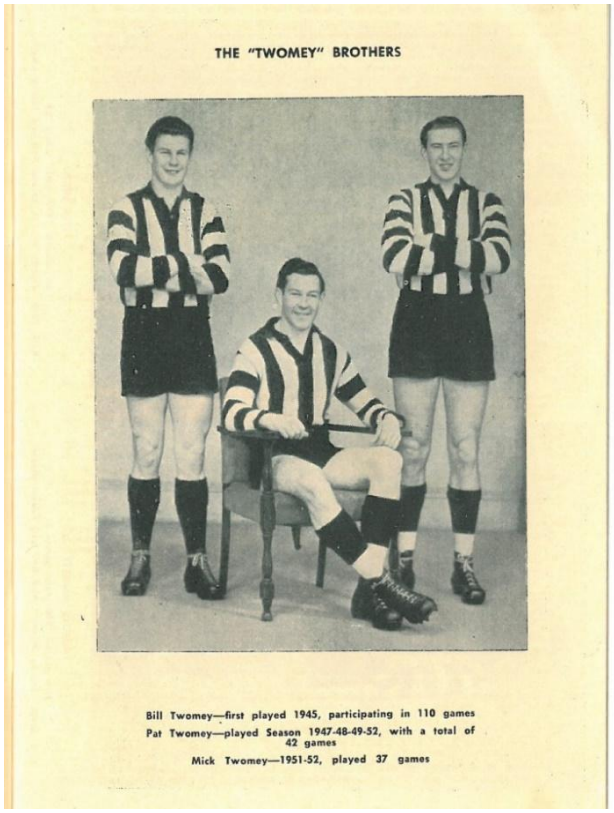
MARK PERKINS (1964-), HEIDELBERG WEST, DVFL (NOW NFNL) – COLLINGWOOD

Mark made his way into the Collingwood team on the back of his Frank Smith Medal winning season for Heidelberg West in the 1986 Diamond Valley Football League season. A rover, he played in the final six rounds of the 1987 VFL season. He had 14 disposals and two goals on his debut, against Richmond at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and also kicked four goals in a loss St Kilda. After not featuring at all in 1988, Perkins returned to the side for the first game of the season in 1989 but it would be his penultimate appearance.

Mark returned to the Diamond Valley Football League in the 1990s and captain-coached North Heidelberg to a premiership in 1994. Perkins coached Beechworth in the Ovens & King Football League in 1998 and 1999 (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers):*

MICK TWOMEY (1931-2015), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW (COLLINGWOOD FOREVER) AND COLLINGWOOD

Mick is pictured below with the image attributed to Collingwood Football Club (Annual Report):


THE "TWOMEY" BROTHERS

Bill Twomey—first played 1945, participating in 110 games
Pat Twomey—played Season 1947-48-49-52, with a total of 42 games
Mick Twomey—1951-52, played 37 games

After playing for West Heidelberg YCW, Mick Twomey went onto play 157 games for the Magpies between 1951 and 1961. This included two premierships. His is one of only three Collingwood players whose family can lay to this claim, including also the Merrett and Weideman families (i.e., Mick's team mates, Thorold Merrett and Murray Weideman).

Mick played much of his career as a ruckman. He is pictured below taking a mark in the 1953 Grand Final victory won against Geelong (Argus Newspaper Melbourne):

Mick did play a season for Ballarat under his father Bill senior who coached Ballarat the year he won the Stawell gift, Mick returned the following year to play for Heidelberg his home club (Source: Sporting Globe on 4th April 1951 after a practice match, and just before Mick Twomey's first game for Collingwood in the home-and-away round of that year).

Mick Twomey was high flying superstar as a player and known by all that met him to be a down to earth champion bloke. (Refer also, Collingwood Illustrative Encyclopedia, 17th December, 2015):

NOEL JENKINS, WEST HEIDELBER YCW - COLLINGWOOD

Noel was recruited to Collingwood in 1964 and playing in the U19s he was 3rd in the club's Best & Fairest award. The following years he was a premiership player for the magpie's reserve team along with fellow West Heidelberg YCW player Bert Chapman who would go on to play seniors football for Collingwood (Images submitted previously for Noel's Collingwood and West Heidelberg YCW team mate, Bert Chapman):

1965 Collingwood Football Club Reserves Premiership Team

Collingwood 16.9 (105) d Geelong 10.20 (80)
Goals: Bremner 4, Searl 4, Ballantyne 4, Hutchesson, Chapman, Dalton, Evans.
Best: Ellis, Mahon, Thompson, Pitt, Searl, Gray.

Selected side:

Backs: Kevin Huppatz	Reg Sanders	Vaughan Ellis
H/B: Len Clark	John Mahon	Lee Adamson
C: **Bert Chapman**	Max Pitt	Barry Anderson
H/F: Brian Gray	Doug Searl	Max Ballantyne
For: Denis Dalton	Ian Bremner	John Murton
Foll: Len Thompson	Len Evans	Errol Hutchesson

19/20: **Noel Vincent**, John Thatcher

Noel is pictured below with his great mate, also fellow West Heidelberg YCW junior, the great Peter McKenna. They are found enjoying a chat over coffee in Preston. Noel's football biography is courtesy of Collingwood Forever and the recent image of Noel (right) and Peter (left) enjoying a chat over coffee is attributed to "John Bell", a legend of the West Heidelberg YCW football club:

NORM BROWN (1943-2022), NORTH HEIDELBERG – FITZROY

The ate, great Norm Brown's biography and picture that follows was sourced from Brenden Campbell, 2021, Curator, Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society).

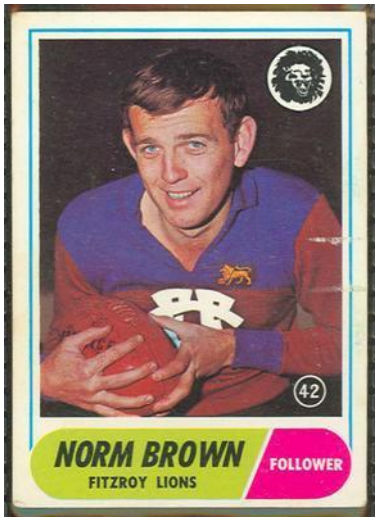
The Fitzroy FC records show Norm was recruited to Fitzroy FC in 1962 from North Heidelberg in the Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL).

Norm played 181 games for the Roys, racking up 77 goals, to the end of the 1973 VFL Season.

Brownie, otherwise nick named by his team mates at the Roys as "flapper" and "Narna" at the Bulldogs (North Heidelberg) tirelessly rucked for Fitzroy FC in tough years for the club and represented Victoria in Interstate Football. He wore the number 23 for our beloved Fitzroy FC. His resume at our Fitzroy FC is ultra impressive:

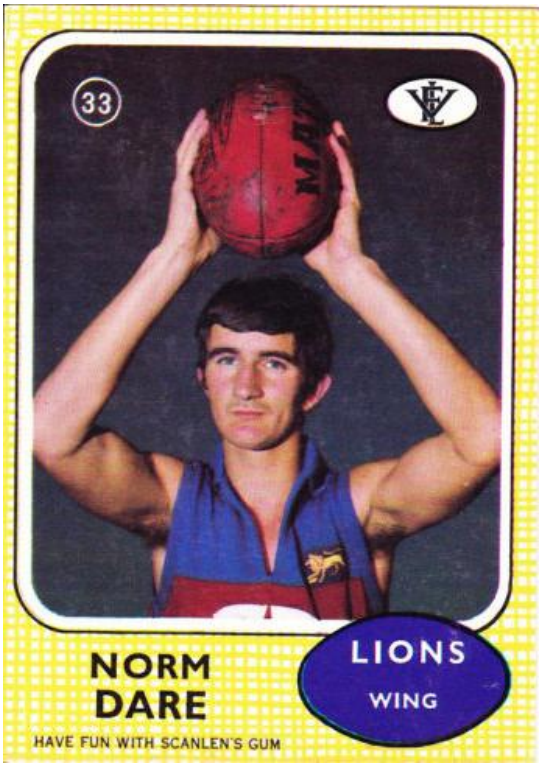
- 3 Best and Fairest Awards in a row (1965-1967)
- Member of our Team of The Century
- Member of our Miracle Match in 1963 against the Geelong FC
- Played in the Royals Game and First Game at Waverley in 1970.

After his career finished at Fitzroy, he Captain Coached the VFA Club Port Melbourne to the 1974, 1976 and 1977 Premierships. He was also Vice Captain to Kevin Murray for many years. I had the pleasure to speak with him on several occasions and he cannot be described as anything other than a true (humble) gentleman. I further add he was also a Heidelberg High School student, and a couple of years ahead of David Walls and Colin Hobbs (Pictures attributed to the Fitzroy-Brisbane Historical Society and Australian Sports Museum; and Fox Footy):



NORM DARE (1948-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW, LATER MACLEOD ROSANNA – FITZROY/BRISBANE LIONS

Norm played 69 senior games for Fitzroy from 1968-1974, he then crossed to South Australian club West Torrens for the 1975 and 1976 season before returning t the lions in 1977. That year he played 2 more games making his Fitzroy player record 71 senior games and 23 goals:



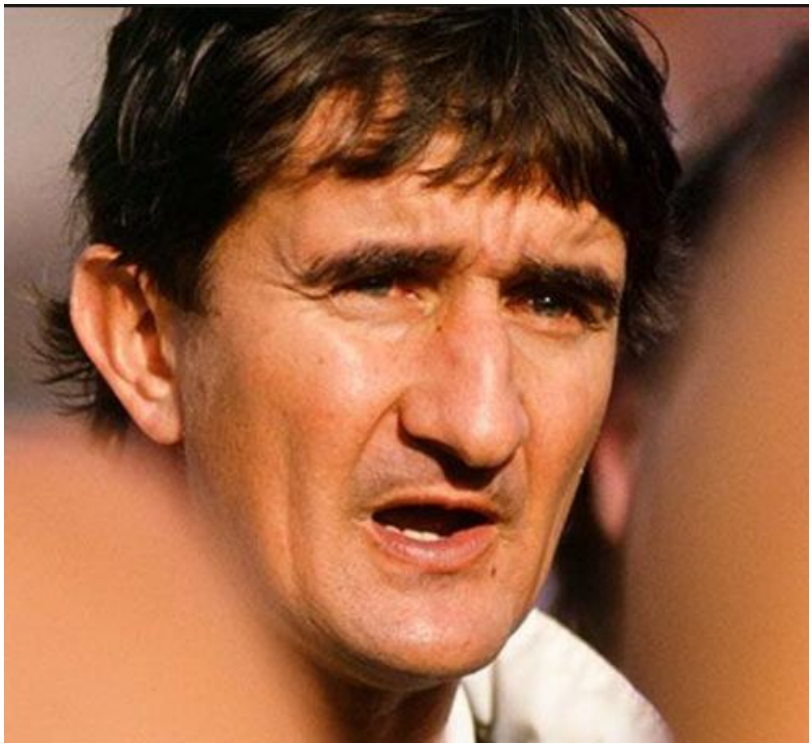
He first played for West Heidelberg YCW before crossing to play at MacLeod Rosanna in the DVFL before being picked up by the Roys.

Following the end of his playing career, Dare remained at Fitzroy and served two seasons as reserves coach. In 1980 he moved to Queensland, and coached the Kedron Football Club to a QAFL premiership in 1980. In 1982, he moved to Southport. He coached there from 1982–1988, and was the club's inaugural QAFL coach when it moved to the state's top league from the Gold Coast Australian Football League in 1983. Dare won three QAFL premierships with Southport during that time, in 1983, 1985 and 1987 ("Memorable Moments – 1982," Southport Football Club) (Image credit: Southport Sharks):

In 1989, Dare moved to the Brisbane Bears in the VFL/AFL as an assistant coach, and then as senior coach in 1990, when he replaced Brisbane Bears caretaker senior coach Paul Feltham, who replaced Peter Knights, when Knights was sacked midway through the 1989 season (Encyclopedia of Australian Football Clubs), but both seasons resulted in wooden spoons, which ended Dare's coaching career with the Bears, when he stepped down as Brisbane Bears senior coach. Dare was then replaced by Robert Walls as Brisbane Bears senior coach ("Norm Dare," AFL QLD, retrieved 10 March 2024).

In the 1990s, Dare left Queensland to serve in assistant coaching roles at North Melbourne (1996 to 2000), then Geelong (2001 to 2003):

He returned for a second two-year stint at Southport in 2004, winning another premiership with the club in 2005, after which he stepped aside. In 2011, he returned to coach Southport (now in the North East Australian Football League) for a third time ("Dare is 'new' Southport coach," AFL Queensland); where he was senior coach for a further three years (Ibid Norm Dare, AFL QLD, "Queensland Team of the Century," Ibid, AFL Queensland).



PAUL WHEATLEY (1981-), NORTH HEIDELBERG, PRESTON KNIGHTS – MELBOURNE FC

Paul made his debut for the Melbourne Football Club in 2000, after being selected at number 20 in the 1999 AFL Draft (Preston Knights). Paul was known for his prodigious kicking, with his ability to pinpoint 60 metre passes using the drop punt. He is also known to be able to kick long distance torpedo punts, which led to speculation that he might try out as an American football punter. Paul polled two votes in the 2007 Brownlow Medal, his first votes, and five votes in 2008, a career high. He has the record in the NAB Cup with the most goals scored outside of 50 m.

Paul announced his retirement from the game and played his last match against St Kilda with Matthew Whelan in round 22, 2009. Wheatley played 135 games and kicked 34 goals. Wheatley stated that he intends to nominate for the pre-season draft and failing being picked up by another club did seek a trial in the NFNL (Williams, Rebecca, 31 August 2009, "Paul Wheatley out on high despite strain, gastro," Herald Sun, retrieved 28 January 2011) (Picture attributed to Rules fan, 15 January 2008):

PAUL MORCOM (1958-), BELLFIELD - COLLINGWOOD

Paul is further pictured as a member of Bellfield's 1972, Under 14 runners up team coached by Bellfield and Bundoora junior coach legend, Kevin McCormick (Source: Tom Chapman, Bellfield ast Player and team mate of Paul Morcom):

Bellfield U14 Runners Up 1972

Top Row: Rod Hutton, Gary Faithful, Robbie Arnold, Paul Morcom, Ian Battie, Craig Williams, Wayne Boyd, Ian Gilhooly; Middle Row Mark Hall, Peter Watts, Leon McKenzie, Kevin McCormick (Coach), Wayne Candy, Mark Hooper, John Arnold; Front Row: Tom Chapman, Peter Grigoris; Missing: Bruce Agnew, Vaughn Graham, Brian Byrne (Jnr) (Son of Brian Byrnes senior and brother of Bellfield junior and senior player, Wayne Byrnes); Brian Birtles).

Junior champion Bellfield player Paul Morcom (1959-), was recruited by Collingwood as a 15-year-old and played 55 games for the Under 19s booting 39 goals between 1973-1977. He played one reserve game and therefore pulled on the Collingwood Guernsey 56 times.

The author John Guest also had the privileged to be coach by Kevin McCormick pictured above when he was forced to cross to Bundoora Football Club to play Under 181 in 1978.
Paul was a member of the 1974 U19 premiership team, which also featured fellow Bellfield champion junior Wayne Freeman, the older brother of the authors U16, 1976 and 1977 team mate, and Captain of Bellfield Under 16s in 1977, John Freeman (VC U16 1976).

Paul is pictured in the 1974 U19 premiership team barely aged 15 years, attesting to Paul's abundant talent. Paul can be found 3rd row from the top, and fifth player from the right. The author's 2nd cousin, Ray Sweeney (Reservoir Colts) son of Norm and Lorraine Sweeney, nee Guest is also featured along with great Bellfield junior player, Wayne Freeman.:

The 1974 Under-19 squad. Back row: G Teesdale, K Head, B Niclasen, G Jessop, W Freeman, P Constantine, I Johnson, J Wassell. Fourth row: G Walsh, G Stevens, P Stavropoulos, S Pratt, R Johnson, P Uren. Third row: R McEwen, R Bird, G Dean, J Edmunds, P Morcom, M Anderson, K Stubbs, S Milinkovic. Second row: R Jessop, D Butler, L Hopkins, T Cahill, R Sweeney, T Wight, R McMahon, J Lamb, R Shepherd. Front: D Maroney, F McFarland, D Watson, A Waller, I New(Captain), P Stott(Vice-captain), Des Healey(Coach), R Dunn, H Ross, E Trenear. John Teesdale(mascot).

Paul went on to be a fine player with Ivanhoe Amateurs in the VAFA.

PAT TWOMEY (1929-1969), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW – COLLINGWOOD

Patrick Twomey (1929-1969) was recruited by Collingwood in 1947 from West Heidelberg YCW Football Club and went on to play 55 games and boot 49 goals for the Collingwood Football Club including the 1953 premiership team with two of his three brothers (Collingwood Forever). Pat had two periods at Collingwood, 1947-1949 and then returned to play for Collingwood between 1952-1953:

In between he played with country club Warragul. For the pies, Twomey mainly played across the centreline or on a flank and started as a winger:

Page 4— The Sporting Globe, Wednesday, June 30, 1954

He's good but—

FOOTE TOO FLASH

By BEN KERVILLE

One of the most natural footballers the game has seen—but one of the flashiest. That's LES FOOTE.

Smart Alec strategy is ruining his football—and St. Kilda's.

Foote can turn football into footballet in a flash.

He's one of the most poised and gracefully manoeuvreable players ever to pull on a boot, yet he is ruining his game by extravagance of movement — effort wasted in an attempt to make good opponents look cheap.

Foote will get the ball as often as any centreman in the League. He'll get it the hard way, with brilliant anticipation, speed, vigor, and guts.

Superfluous

Then, instead of

...experts saw

HAWTHORN might be better served if they placed Alan Woodley in a key position in attack and let Candles Thompson share the ruck work. In a set place Candles has to put up with too much attention and spoiling by opponents.

RON HOVEY turned on one of his best games on Saturday. Harder to get past than the guards at Pentridge, he was as safe as the Rock of Gibraltar.

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Burly TED LARSEN is always a hard worker and a great trier for North. He's always where the battle is thickest, using his big shoulders and hips to good effect.

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NORM JOHNSTONE'S great mobility was seen to advantage against South. Norm came through in his usual style and scored two goals just when Fitzroy needed a lift.

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RON BARASSI was a grand trier for the Demons and his two goals were obtained the hard way. He is improving rapidly, and Melbourne are going to have a first-class player in this 18-year-old.

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Although playing with a heavily strapped leg ter removed from his ankle this week.

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JIMMY DEANE came into his own and produced some champagne football when roving for Richmond in the last quarter. He apparently shines best when in the thick of things.

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BRUCE COMBEN was his usual solid self against North. He was always doing something to make scoring difficult for the Blues' opponents.

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BOB GILES won well on his wing at Fitzroy. He continually sent South forward with excellent passes only to see his good work rebound from the solid Fitzroy defence.

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Melbourne defender, JOHN BECKWITH never gave up against Footscray and was still going strongly at the final siren. Displaying faultless judgment he upset many Footscray

Youngest Twomey injured

Peter Twomey left the field with a broken collarbone after he had kicked three goals for Heidelberg early in the game against Templestowe at Warringal Park on Saturday.

Youngest of the famous Twomey football family, Peter had a training run with his brothers at Collingwood early this season.

He had been showing good form with Heidelberg.

Pat Twomey, who suffered a severe foot injury when playing for Collingwood, has been playing with Heidelberg recently and was the driving force in the team's three successive wins to date.

His injured foot is standing up well to solid tests. Taking no risks, however, he went off at three-quarter time when Heidelberg had an unbeatable lead on Saturday.

DESPITE Neil Mann's great value as a utility player, Collingwood's premiership prospects would improve if they stationed him at full forward, where his accurate kicking would strengthen the attack.

Early in the game there was no better player at Glenferrie oval than high-flying MICK TWOMEY, but while Mick faded somewhat, his mate NEIL MANN, improved rapidly. It was Mann's four goals in the last half when resting at full forward, combined with an inspiring burst of ten minutes in the third quarter by BOB ROSE, who otherwise had a very quiet day, which swung the game.

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This must be a record. Geelong and Richmond players were unanimous that umpire Robinson allowed the game to get out of hand in the first half.

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KEVIN McMAHON was quiet early in the game at North but shone in the desperate last quarter. North could easily thank him for the win.

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When JOHN GILL was having a spell from the ruck, Essendon's dominance waned. The big follower was a tower of strength. DOUG. BIGE-

BILL WILSON would be better—and that's saying plenty—if he improved his footwork to give himself more room to kick.

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RON HARVEY, from the Thirds, was one of the best for Fitzroy against South, and should be a regular from now on. Ron's height and weight stood him in good stead at centre half-back, and even when BILL GUNN changed from centre to half-forward, Ron held his own.

MARTY McDONNELL

Goes 640 miles to coach team

By FRANK WALSH

Victoria's most travelled footballer this season, in my opinion, is Marty McDonnell, captain-coach of Yarrawonga, in the Ovens and Murray League.

Pat was known as a tough, fast and a tireless contributor in his appearances for Collingwood, he was further o known to have a long driving kick and good mark. He played his last game for the Magpies on the wing in the 1953 Grand Final ("Pat Twomey," Collingwood Forever; Pat Twomey's playing statistics from AFL Tables).

Below Pat is pictured to the right of his brother Bill Twomey junior, brother Mick and their nephew David Twomey – a dead ringer for his uncle Pat - also played seniors for the pies hence the Twomey dynasty springing from Pat, Bill junior and Mick's father Bill Twomey senior, David's paternal grandfather:

Noting further David's father, and youngest brother of Pat, Bill junior and Mick, all 1953 Collingwood Premiership players, and their youngest brother Peter, all sons of Bill Twomey (1899-1977) senior who was a 1919 premiership player, and incidentally a team mate of the authors relative, Wally Haysom - also played in the 1919 Collingwood premiership player - played first for West Heidelberg YCW, then Heidelberg DVFL and donned the Collingwood football jumper on in 1954 for at least a practice game.

Peter's older brothers Pat, and Mick, both West Heidelberg YCW boys, as was their nephew, Dave Twomey. I suspect an error in Collingwood Forever, making Bill junior a Fairfield YCW player, rather than West Heidelberg YCW, hence why Bill Twomey junior is not featured in this book. I find it unlikely he didn't play juniors with his brothers in the family's seat of Heidelberg. Pat died young, only 40 years of age. Below is a picture of Bill junior a few years on at training (Source: Collingwood Forever):

PETER TWOMEY (DEC), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW, HEIDELBERG FC - COLLINGWOOD

David Twomey's dad, Peter Twomey's omission as a Collingwood player (Collingwood Forever), is counted by the evidence below revealing he played in at least one reserve game practice game (Peter Twomey, Collingwood Football Club reserve grade practice match, The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Wednesday, 7th April, 1954, p25, Gossip from League Club Rooms):

COLL'WOOD

Jack Hamilton, former State full back, is being sought by Moorabbin, which has asked Collingwood for permission to interview him, but the committee has decided to defer consideration until Sunday, when the final list will be announced.

It would not surprise if Hamilton's name was on the list, and that Monash is to failed.

Ivan Pras-ik, North-rote player who was sought by South Melbourne, but has also been persuaded to stay at Collingwood, to which club he is reportedly tied. is applying for a clearance to Collingwood. It will be dealt with tomorrow.

He suffered a leg injury on Saturday, and could not train at Victoria Park last night.

Others out of action were Neville Waller, Tom Tarrant, and Brian Turner, all of whom were treated for injuries. Turner, with a pulled leg muscle, might miss the match game on Saturday, but the others should play.

Three new players who attended the ground last night were Bill Rudduck, a 19-year-old half-forward from Preston Club; Jim Strickland, a full forward possibility, who trained by permission of South Melbourne, and Jim Cooke, a ruck follower, who trained by permission of Hawthorn.

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Mick Twomey, Neil Mann, Bill Rose, and George Hams were regulars who shaped splendidly.

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A recruit of last season who has definite possibilities is Alan Young, a full forward.

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Subsequently, his VFL senior career at the pies never got off the ground (Sources: Gossip from League Club-Rooms, The Argus, Wednesday, 7 April 1954, p25; Sporting Globe, Melbourne, Victoria, Wednesday 30th June 1954, Page 4, Youngest Twomey injured).

PETER BOYNE (1944-), NORTH HEIDELBERG – COLLINGWOOD

Peter was an extremely reliable defender recruited from North Heidelberg. He played at full-back in Collingwood's losing 1966 Grand Final side (AFL Record – Week 7, 2020, p36 etc):

FLASHBACK 1966 GRAND FINAL

THE CHOSEN ONES: St Kilda's premiership side, (back row from left) Jim Read, Rodger Head, Allan Davis, Jeff Moran, Kevin Billing, Ross Smith, (middle row) Daryl Griffiths, Travis Payze, Bob Murray, Brian Sierakowski, Ian Synman, John Bingley, Alan Morrow, Ian Stewart, (front row) Kevin Neale, Barry Breen, Verdun Howell, Allan Jeans (coach), Darrel Baldock (captain), Brian Mynott, Ian Cooper.

"The thing I shudder at is that I kicked a drop kick." However, he struck it well, and the siren began sounding as Morrow was about to complete the mark.

"I was praying for it," Stewart said of hearing the sweetest sound for a footballer on the winning side on Grand Final day.

Centre half-back Ian Synman added: "It wasn't a good game. I didn't enjoy one minute of it, not one minute, and even at the finish, I think it was relief more than anything. It didn't sink in that we'd won – nothing sunk in until about a week later."

For how close the match was, Collingwood led for only nine-and-a-half minutes of the entire game, the scores were level four times, but St Kilda never enjoyed a lead greater than 13 points.

The Saints were the first side ever to do a lap of honour after the presentation of the premiership cup – a fact many of the players were unaware of – and the debate continues as to whether it was Jeans or chairman of selectors Des Nisbet who was the accidental inspiration behind it.

The words, "Go on, take it around and show them [the crowd] – they've waited long enough", were said by one of the two men as Baldock came down from the dais with the silverware. While physically and emotionally exhausted, the players didn't need to be told twice.

"What people don't understand about performance is it's a natural phenomenon to move in an undulating manner," Jeans observed. "All you've got to do is hope they get somewhere near their best [on the day], and if they do, you've got a chance of getting there."

The Saints finally 'got there' in 1966. Getting there a second time has so far proven to be as hard as the first. ❶

SAINTS REMEMBER ... >>

TEAMS

ST KILDA

B:	R. Head	R. Murray	B. Sierakowski
HB:	V. Howell	I. Synman	J. Bingley
C:	J. Moran	I. Stewart	J. Read
HF:	I. Cooper	D. Baldock	B. Breen
F:	A. Morrow	K. Neale	A. Davis
R:	B. Mynott	D. Griffiths	
R:	R. Smith		
Res:	T. Payze, K. Billing		

COLLINGWOOD

B:	I. Montgomery	P. Boyne	T. Waters
HB:	L. Hill	E. Potter	L. Adamson
C:	P. Patterson	C. Tully	E. Hutchesson
HF:	D. Tuddenham	D. Searl	M. Pitt
F:	R. Gabelich	I. Graham	G. Wallis
R:	L. Thompson	K. Rose	
R:	W. Richardson		
Res:	T. Steer, J. Henderson		

VFL GRAND FINAL

September 24, 1966, MCG

ST KILDA	2.5	5.6	8.9	10.14	(74)
COLLINGWOOD	2.1	5.7	7.11	10.13	(73)

GOALS – St Kilda: Neale 5, Baldock 2, Cooper, Griffiths, Moran. **Collingwood:** Tuddenham 3, Gabelich 2, Richardson 2, Graham, Pitt, Wallis.

BEST – St Kilda: Cooper, Griffiths, Stewart, Breen, Sierakowski, Neale. **Collingwood:** Richardson, Waters, Thompson, Tuddenham, Gabelich, Pitt.

BEST ON GROUND: Ian Cooper (St Kilda)

UMPIRE: Jeff Crouch

CROWD: 101,655

His first of 60 games for the pies was in round 8 1964 and his last game was round 17, 1968 (Collingwood Forever, Player Statistics). He won the 1963 Under 19 Best & Fairest award (J. Joyce Trophy) after being recruited from North Heidelberg the year prior:

PETER GITTOS, IVANHOE AMATEURS, BELLFIELD - COLLINGWOOD

Prior to playing with the pies, Pete won Ivanhoe Amateurs 1979 Best & Fairest award.

In 1977 he also played for Bellfield U16 side to whom the author was a team member.

In 1981-1982, Pete went on to play 22 reserve games and booted 4 goals for the pies. He returned to Ivanhoe Amateurs in 1983 and in 1984 captained the club to win the 1984 premiership.

In 1984, Peter was one of three of Ivanhoe's finest and toughest and helped the VAFA to a historic win over Vic Country in 1984. Pictured below are: Peter Gittos (front row, 3rd from right), Michael McDonald (2nd row, 3rd from right, also a Bellfield FC junior player) and Tony Balcolme (back row, 3rd from left). John Miles (2nd row on right) was the VAFA's chairman of selectors from 1981 to 1985:

Upon his return to the Hoes, Pete won two more Best & Fairest awards in 1983 and 1984. Hence a triple Best & Fairest player at this proud and historically important football club. In 1986 he headed to Queensland side Sherwood Magpies AFC (Source: Game Day, Interview with William “Bill” Pierce):

Peter returned to Victoria to play football for KYABRAM FC in the Goulburn Valley League. That year Kyabram won the flag and Pete won the league Best & Fairest award. He remained with the club in 1988 crossing to Tocumwal in 1989-1991. By 1995 he made his way to Monbulk Football Club. He captained coached the club from 1995-1998 and a focal point at centre half forward who lifted the team to Back-To-Back flags in 1997-98.

Peter returned as a non-playing coach for 2001-2004 when the club were again regular finalists.
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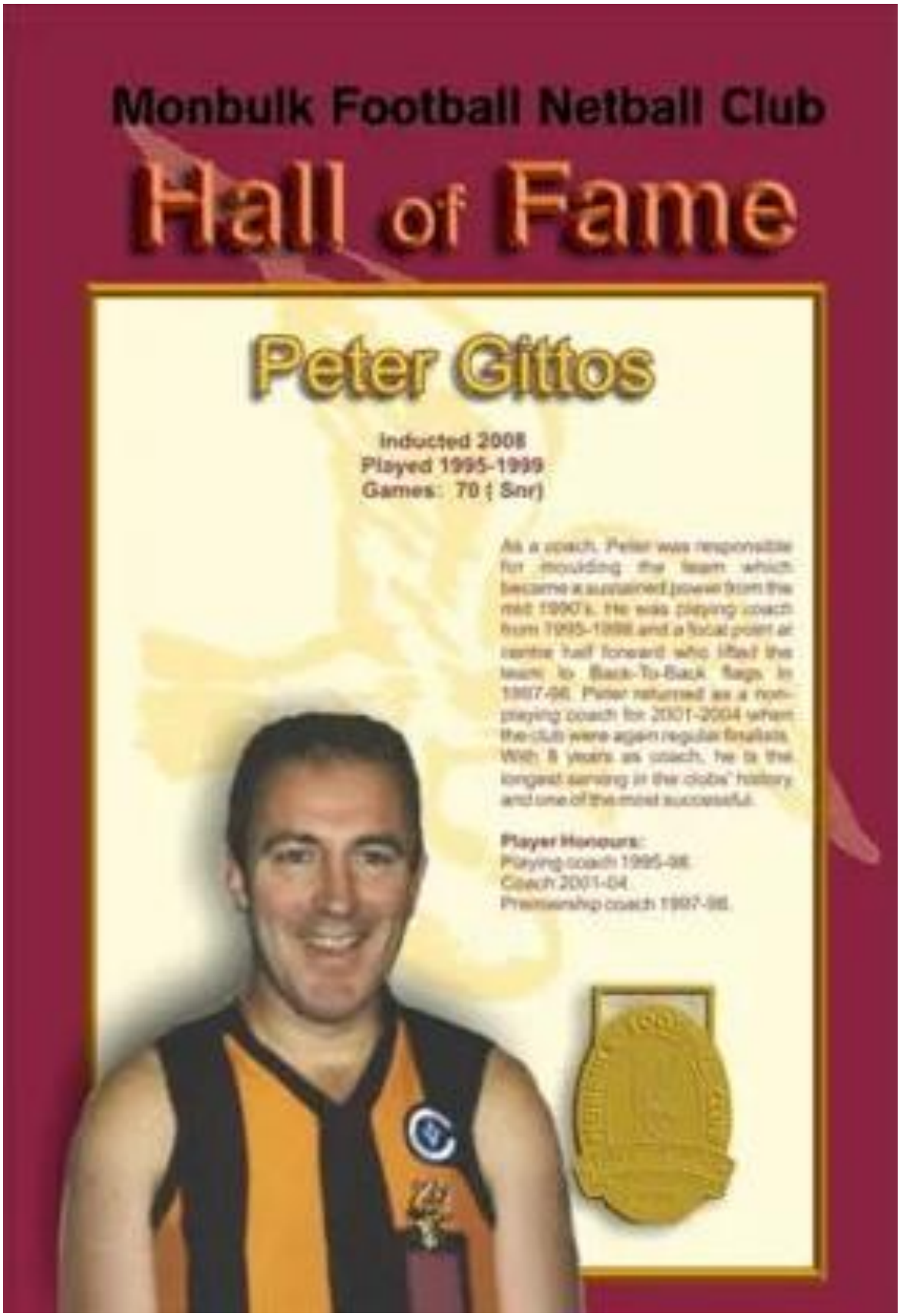
Monbulk Football Netball Club
Hall of Fame
Peter Gittos
Inducted 2008
Played 1995-1999
Games: 70 (Snr)
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Player Honours:
Playing coach 1995-98
Coach 2001-04
Premiership coach 1997-98

I understand that Peter returns frequently to Ivanhoe and is considered an important part of the Hoes community and also Bellfield. I had the pleasure to play with Peter at Bellfield and can testify to him being a great and most humble fella and valued every team mate and their contributions.

PETER MCKENNA (1946-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW – COLLINGWOOD (180 GAMES) AND CARLTON (10 GAMES)

The great Peter McKenna was the second of five children to Winnie and Kevin McKenna. He grew up in West Heidelberg supporting Essendon and played soccer until he was 13.

He first played for West Heidelberg YCW in 1959 until 1964 ending his time at West under coach and Collingwood footballer, Mick Erwin. He is pictured below along with “coach” Mick Erwin:

Re-submitted if the picture of Peter McKenna and his teammate of West Heidelberg YCW and Collingwood Noel Vincent after catching up for coffee in High Street Preston on 18 March 2023. That day, the great Bluey Shelton went to Heaven. Bluey was Peter's idol as a boy and Peter’s great West Heidelberg YCW and Collingwood team mate, Noel, Bluey’s nephew, inherited his uncle's Collingwood membership badge No 153, which he treasures:

Recruited from West Heidelberg YCW, McKenna credited Collingwood coach Bob Rose for patiently helping to shape him into the champion footballer he was to become. In the opening round of the 1966 VFL season against Hawthorn at Victoria Park, McKenna gave a glimpse of what was to come when he kicked 12 goals in a match-winning effort, the first of thirteen occasions when he would kick ten or more goals in a game. However, McKenna's form dropped away; and, after being held goalless against North Melbourne in Round 6, he was dropped for the remainder of the season (Images, courtesy of Collingwood FC):

Peter kicked 47 goals in 1967, leading Collingwood's goalkicking for the first time. He went on to win that award for eight consecutive seasons, including in 1969 and 1971 when he kicked 143 and 134 goals respectively. From the start of the 1968 VFL season to Round 3, 1974, McKenna kicked at least one goal in 121 consecutive games, still a competition record.

In 1970 he kicked his first tom and he also kicked He kicked 16 goals in a single game against South (Source: Heidelberger Leader Newspaper – Peter watching a youngster Berger Boy show him the right way to kick at goals -somethings never change):

LOUIS SHOWS HOW: Peter McKenna, Collingwood's full-forward who kicked 16 goals against South Melbourne on Saturday, watches six-year-old Louis Bogaard of Heidelberg show a drop-punt kick today. This is the kick used by McKenna. — Picture by Bob Buchanan.

He is further captured in his local Westy Heidelberg habitat sharing a moment siting on the fence of his in Clinton Street, West Heidelberg after visiting a West Heidelberg YCW Team mate. Captured from left to right are youngsters, to whom the author enjoyed playing football with at West Heidelberg YCW, namely, Peter Delaney (Tank) (deceased) Gary Kelly; Gordon Dougal (deceased), centre, Peter McKenna, next is Wayne Carpenter, Andrew Kelly and Kevin Delaney (deceased). Gratitude for identifying these youngsters, is Mark White, archivist for the West Heidelberg Colts/Rovers football club (also along with Peter and Kevin Delaney, ex-Heidelberg Tech fellow schoolmate; Image credit: Faye Bedford):

In 1970, Peter kicked his first ton (100 goals in a VFL-AFL season). The article below was sourced from Newspaper Clippings in the Collingwood Scrapbook, 1970):

100 for McKenna

COLLINGWOOD full-forward Peter McKenna joined the exclusive century club on Saturday.

The only other player to have kicked 100 goals in the VFL this season is Hawthorn's **Peter Hudson.**

And McKenna became the first Collingwood player to hit "the ton" since **Ron Todd** in 1939.

Fans swarmed on to the field and Collingwood follower Len Thompson wrapped his arms around McKenna to protect him from the enthusiastic crowd as the magical 100 came up with McKenna's ninth goal for the match.

Play was held up several minutes until the ground was cleared. The result? Collingwood, 13.23 — **101,** crushed Carlton 2.12—24.

Collingwood played in two grand finals during McKenna's career, 1966 and 1970, both of which Collingwood lost. McKenna did not play in the former match. In the latter game he was concussed in a collision with teammate Des Tuddenham before half time which contributed to Collingwood giving up a 44-point half time lead:

In 1972 and 1973 McKenna was the VFL leading goalkicker, kicking 130 in 1972 and 86 in 1973. In 1972 he was also named All-Australian for his performance in the 1972 Perth Carnival for Victoria.
At the end of Round 10, 1975, McKenna led Collingwood's goalkicking list with a modest total of 26 goals, but the following week he had a poor game in which he was held goalless in the Round 11 Queen's Birthday match against Melbourne Football Club. This performance saw him and a number of teammates in Round 12 dropped to the reserves against South Melbourne Football Club at VFL Park in which he suffered a kidney injury – he did not play for Collingwood again after that.

In 1976, McKenna played with the Devonport Magpies in Tasmania's North West Football Union (NWFU). He played a solitary season for Devonport and kicked 79 goals in 17 games.
McKenna returned to the VFL in 1977 to play for Collingwood's bitter rival, Carlton, kicking 36 goals in 11 games. He left Carlton after one season and then spent three years in the Victorian Football Association (VFA), playing one year with each of Geelong West (67 goals) and Port Melbourne (52 goals), where he was captain/coach, and Northcote (98 goals).

Altogether, McKenna's VFL record of 874 goals from 191 games was enough to place him as the league's fourth-highest goalkicker at the time of his retirement, behind only Gordon Coventry, Doug Wade and Jack Titus. As of the end of the 2021 AFL season, he sat tenth on the all-time league leaderboard; additionally, he has scored the most goals of any player to finish their career with fewer than 200 AFL/VFL games. His full senior and representative career yielded 1,213 goals.

Peter is unquestionably an AFL/VFL great, submitted below is his amazing football honours list courtesy of Michael Roberts, Collingwood Forever:

AFL Hall of Fame
1999

AFL/VFL Leading Goalkicker
1972, 1973

All Australian
1972

CFC Life Members
1974

Most Consistent Player
1970

Best Finals Player (Bob Rose Award)
1969, 1970

Leading Goalkicker (Gordon Coventry Trophy)
1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974

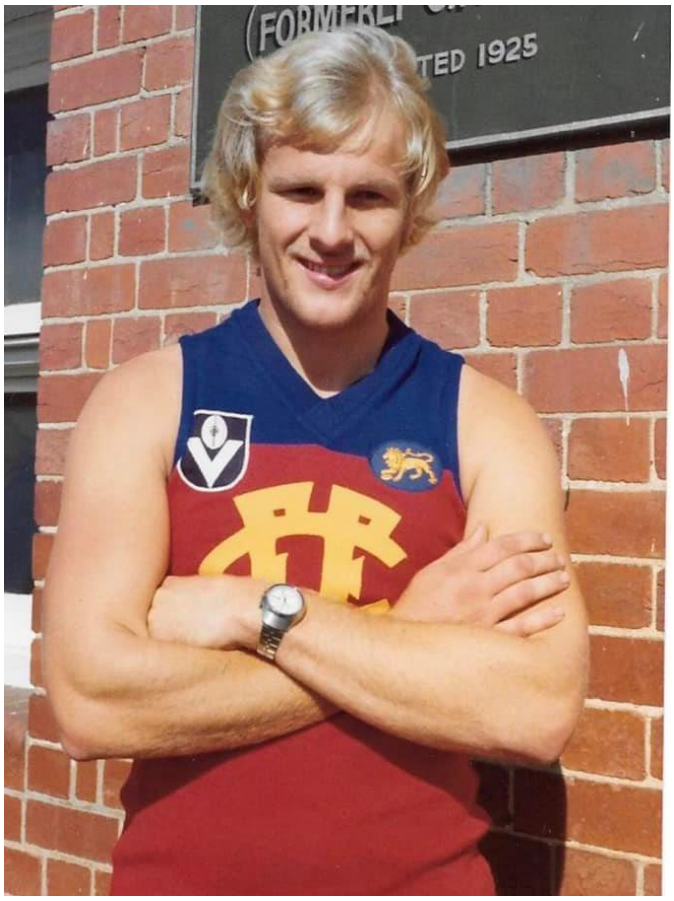
CFC Hall of Fame
2004

E.W. Copeland Trophy (Best and Fairest)
1970

Runner up Best and Fairest (R.T. Rush Trophy)
1972

Third Best and Fairest (J.J. Joyce Trophy) x 2

PETER RUSCUKLIC (1955-2014) BELLFIELD, WEST HEIDELBERG YCW, MACLEOD ROSANNA (DVFL) – FITZROY AND GEELONG (REFER ALSO BIO FOR BROTHER ALEX RUSCUKLIC)



As a boy, Peter lived across the road from Peter McKenna's parents' home in West Heidelberg.

He played first for West Heidelberg YCW crossing to Bellfield where he was a member of the 1970 U14 premiership side. He then crossed over to play for Macleod Rosanna FC senior in the DVFL aged only 15 years old. He was coached at Macleod Rosanna by Mr Dillion who had previously coached Peter at Bellfield (Source: Wayne Byrne, Bellfield and ex-DVFL Umpire).

Fitzroy recruited Peter from Macleod Rosanna where he joined his brother Alex at the Lions. Peter played for 10 games and kicked 20 goals for Fitzroy and then played a further 4 games booting one goal for Geelong during the 1970s (14 VFL Games, 21 Goals).

Although his two years at Fitzroy were largely unsuccessful, Ruscuklic memorably kicked a bag of six goals in just his second league game, against North Melbourne at Arden Street. As a boy I enjoyed watching him kick his bag that day at Arden Street.

Peter later made a name for himself in the Sydney Football League. Playing for East Sydney, Ruscuklic at one stage kicked 505 goals in three seasons, with a sequence of 136, 156 and 213 goals from 1979 to 1981. His tally of 213 goals remains a national record for a major Australian rules football league season and included a 24-goal haul against St George as well as ten goals in the Preliminary Final.

Ruscuklic also coached Myrtleford Football Club in the Ovens and Murray Football League and won the O&MFL goalkicking with 76 goals in 1983. Ruscuklic kicked 324 goals at Myrtleford between 1983 and 1986.

He died suddenly on 2 May 2014 at the age of 58.

PHIL MANASSA (1956-), OLYMPIC YOUTH CLUB FC – COLLINGWOOD FROM 1973-1979 (122 GAMES, 60 GOALS, 9 FINALS)

Born and raised in Hawker Street West Ivanhoe, he had been a junior star at Olympic Youth FC since he first pulled on the boots as a nine-year old. As a centreman with an eye for goals, he racked up numerous club and competition best and fairest awards - one season picking up 149 votes out of a possible 162! He represented Victoria at under-16 level for two years, the second as the vice-captain.

At each of those junior carnivals he won Victoria's best player award, ran second in the competition voting and was chosen in the all-Australian team. He also excelled in other sports, representing his school in everything from volleyball, baseball and soccer to hockey, basketball and cricket.
When Manassa started attending Heidelberg High School, he found that two of his teachers were Collingwood players Lee Adamson and Ted Potter. They would soon be teammates. Indeed, Manassa had a way of making many of his teammates feel a little old; both Wayne Richardson and Barry Price had conducted primary school football clinics a few years earlier in which Phil took part. He never missed a chance to remind them of the fact.

Manassa made it to the supplementary list in 1972, kicking 37 goals in 14 games with the under-19s, including one haul of six, and also playing a few games with the reserves. Early in 1973, aged only 17, he made it into the senior team as a reserve against Geelong, and a couple of weeks later earned himself a place in the starting 18. In all he played 13 games that year, but started on the bench in nine of them.

By 1974 Phil was an established part of the starting line-up and took part in all 24 games, one of only three players to do so. He played most of those in the back pocket, but through his career he proved extremely versatile, playing everywhere but in the ruck (he once even kicked 1.8 from full-forward against Hawthorn). The word 'utility' was rarely more apt than when applied to Manassa, and Collingwood knew it would get good value from him wherever he was placed.

Ironically for one who always fancied himself as a goalkicker, and who admits he was never really "turned on" by playing in defence, Manassa spent much of his career in the defensive half of the field. His dashing, straight-ahead style of play was perhaps at its most effective when running off the back line. But no matter where he lined up you could be sure Manassa would approach his football the same way - at full throttle.

He was not a graceful footballer by any means, but he was effective. Burly of build but possessed of fair pace, Manassa was a hard man to stop when he built up a head of steam. He approached the ball aggressively and did not shirk physical confrontations, believing if the ball was there to be won then nothing else mattered. He had a fanatical will-to-win and a desperation in his play that was twice rewarded with the club's "most determined player" award. A booming kick and a safe mark, he was always creating options for his teammates. Even in defence his was an aggressive, attacking approach, and he was never content with merely playing safe.

Although he became a Collingwood regular, Manassa never quite took the game by the scruff of the neck in the way that his junior career had led some to expect. Nonetheless, by the end of 1978 he had strung together more than 100 games and was one of the most experienced players in the team. But 1979 turned out to be a poor year for him. He played only 10 games, spent time in the reserves and generally seemed to fall from favour. There are some who believe that Manassa's love of a drink and a smoke (he did like to enjoy life), did not go down well with the dedicated Tom Hafey. Whatever the reasons, the club did not stand in his way when a business opportunity tempted him to Tasmania at the end of 1979. Incredibly, he was only 23 when he played his last League game.

Collingwood leased him to Devonport for two years, and he then spent four years coaching and playing in Sydney, then three more in New Guinea after he was transferred there by his employers, Rothmans. In 1989 he returned to Sydney, and in 1990 came home to play with St Leo's in a church comp - still of an age less than some playing VFL football.

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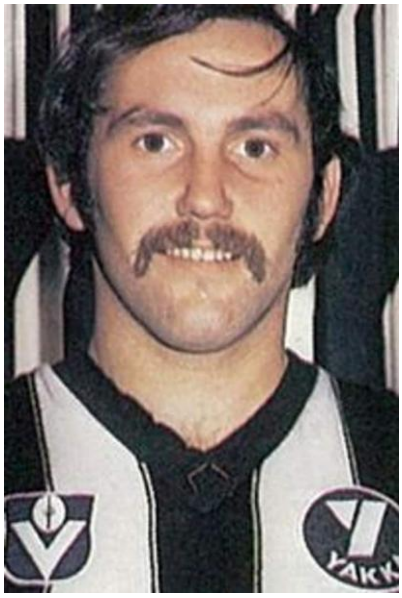
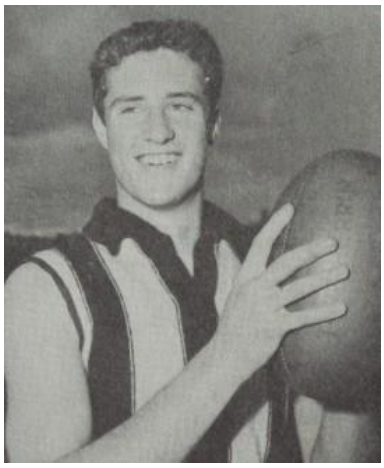
Wherever he went through that nomadic phase of his life, people always wanted to talk about “The Run”. When Collingwood left Victoria Park in 1999, it was one of the highlights recreated one final time. Even today, the winner of the AFL’s Goal of the Year is awarded the Phil Manassa Medal. In a game renowned for its spectacular individual moments, Phil Manassa’s 1977 run-and-goal will always stand as one of the most memorable of them all (Source: Roberts M, Collingwood Forever):



RICKY WATT (1946-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW AND HEIDELBERG TECHNICAL SCHOOL



Ricky was a classy left footer who made his debut with the Magpies when only 16 years old. Ricky is pictured below along with his Heidelberg Tech team mate who also played for the pies, Alan Quaife (Back row far left). Ricky is also in the back row, 2nd from the right:

Back: Alan Quaife, Trevor Webb, Ernie Towers, Malcolm Smith, "Flabby" Smith, Ross Sharp, Ricky Watt, Dennis Tormey.
Middle: Trevor Sorenson, K Couglan, "Boof" Baker, Keith Mullenger, Mr Howe, Colin O'Rourke, Plutos Anastasia.
Front: Ron Richardson, David Hay, Geoff Ingles, Brian Millard, Ron Hibbon.

He had height, pace and sure ball handling skills, and many believed he would be groomed for a key position. He played U19s in 1963 and debuted in the seniors for the pies in round 4 1964 aged 17 years. He later suffered a back injury early in the 1964 season, but made it back for the finals and played in the losing Grand Final side. He won the reserves Best and Fairest in 1966.

A succession of knee problems however, meant that it was 1967 before he was able to win a regular senior place again, and he had two excellent years, making the state side four times and winning All-Australian selection in 1968.

Ricky was 19th man in the 1970 side that lost the grand final and it was his last appearance for the club at the age of 23. He injured his Achilles and missed 1971 before attempting a partial comeback with VFA club Coburg.

After that, he coached successfully in Tasmania, and later became a successful administrator at St Kilda. Ricky played 95 games and kicked 17 goals for the pies senior team (Source: Roberts M, Collingwood Forever).

ROBERT DEAN (1950-) RECRUITED FROM IVANHOE AMATEURS - COLLINGWOOD & SOUTH MELBOURNE

Robert was a West Heidelberg YCW junior and crossed to Ivanhoe Amateurs aged around 16 years. He went on to play VFL from 1969-1980. His first senior game in round 15 1969. He would fo on to play 121 games and kick 37 goals for the Magpies and a further 66 games and 81 goals for South Melbourne (187 VFL senior games and 118 goal tally). He attended Heidelberg Tech School from 1963-1967.

The Magpies missed the finals in 1974, and crashed out again to Richmond in the elimination final the following year – in what proved to be Dean's last game for the club.

An offer from South Melbourne – and some disquiet about his role at Collingwood – saw Dean depart Victoria Park heading into the 1975 season. He would explain: "I had an opportunity to play in a key position – centre half forward – at South. At Collingwood, I played a few good games at centre half forward, but they thought I was better value on the wing. I was under instructions not to go for marks on the wing from kick-ins. They didn't want me to spoil the big ruckman's marks."

Then the Magpies stopped him from preseason summer running sessions with John Toleman at Caulfield racecourse, so he felt he had no option but to make the move.

Initially, he was meant to be swapped for a young hopeful called Colin Hounsell, but that player rejected the move and later went on to play 122 games with the Swans.

Dean had an outstanding start to his time with the Swans. He kicked eight goals in his first game with the club, and then six more against Collingwood the following week. He even led the VFL goalkicking after two rounds. He bore no grudges against his old club, though, and even dropped his kids off at the Collingwood players' crèche on the day he returned to Victoria Park.

> "It was a terrific feeling to be playing against my mates, although they gave me a pretty hard time," he said at the time. "*I couldn't shut Bill Picken up. He took a mark over me and said 'Did you see that beauty I took over your head … no, you wouldn't have as you were underneath me'.*

In all, Robert Dean had an impressive VFL career, highlighted by some of his performances in losing finals which stick in the memory of Magpie fans. Some even wondered what might have been had he still been there in 1977, playing on the wing when North Melbourne duo Stan Alves and Wayne Schimmelbush proved such a handful (Source: Glenn McFarlane, Collingwood Forever).

Robert is pictured below contesting a mark with Ian Stewart of St Kilda probably in the 1970s. Very talented all around was Robert Dean (Source: Denis Horton, 2024):

Below is photograph which captures Robert fooling around with his Heidelberg technical football team captured at Warringal Park Heidelberg (old grandstand) getting ready for a training session it appears. Heidelberg Technical School used the oval when other grade sides occupied the school oval. Robert is in the foreground at the bottom grasping the boundary fence with his right hand (note West Heidelberg YCW Guernsey's in the background/grandstand):

Another survivor photograph with Robert as one of the identities is also a Heidelberg Technical School photograph. It was taken in 1967 and shared by Kevin Dienhoff, a former class mate of Robert Dean's. Robert is pictured far left standing formally at a school ceremony and being recognised in some way for his academic performance:

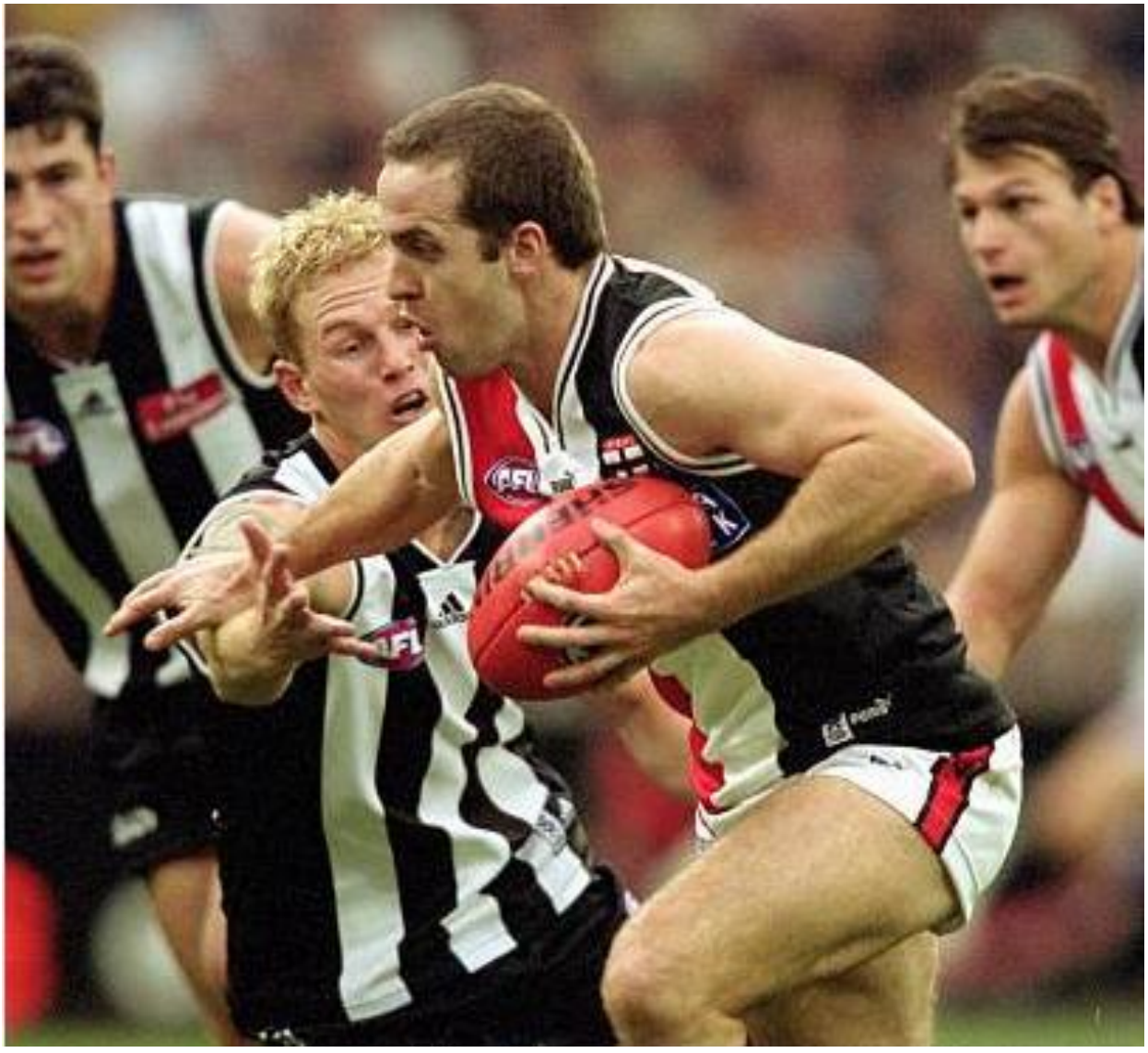
ROBERT POWELL (1976-) NORTH HEIDELBERG – RICHMOND & ST KILDA

After spending a year on Collingwood's list, where he played in the reserves in 1995, Powell was traded to Richmond in a swap for Matthew Francis in 1996.

Powell, a forward, had to wait until round 15 of the 1996 AFL seasons to make it into the Richmond seniors. On debut, against Melbourne, he was unable to kick a goal but instead registered five behinds.[1] He still finished the year with 15 goals, five of which came in a win over Geelong.

The former North Heidelberg player started the 1997 season in Richmond's best 21 but again had his biggest impact in the second half of the year. He received a nomination for the 1997 AFL Rising Star award in round 20, having managed 25 disposals and two goals against North Melbourne.

Playing 18 of a possible 22 games in 1998 he made a further 13 appearances in 1999. Troubled by a hip injury, he put together only four games in 2000 and was delisted at the end of the year. He nominated for the 2000 AFL draft and was picked up by St Kilda, with the 75th selection. Calf injuries plagued his time at St Kilda and he played just 10 AFL games. In 2002 Powell joined the Silvan Football Club, in the YVMDFL, playing an important role in guiding the Cats to a dominant premiership later that year (Source: Tigerland Archive; "AFL Tables: Robert Powell". afltables.com; Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers, 7th Ed.) (Image creator: Sean Garnsworthy, Credit: Getty Images; Copyright: AFL):

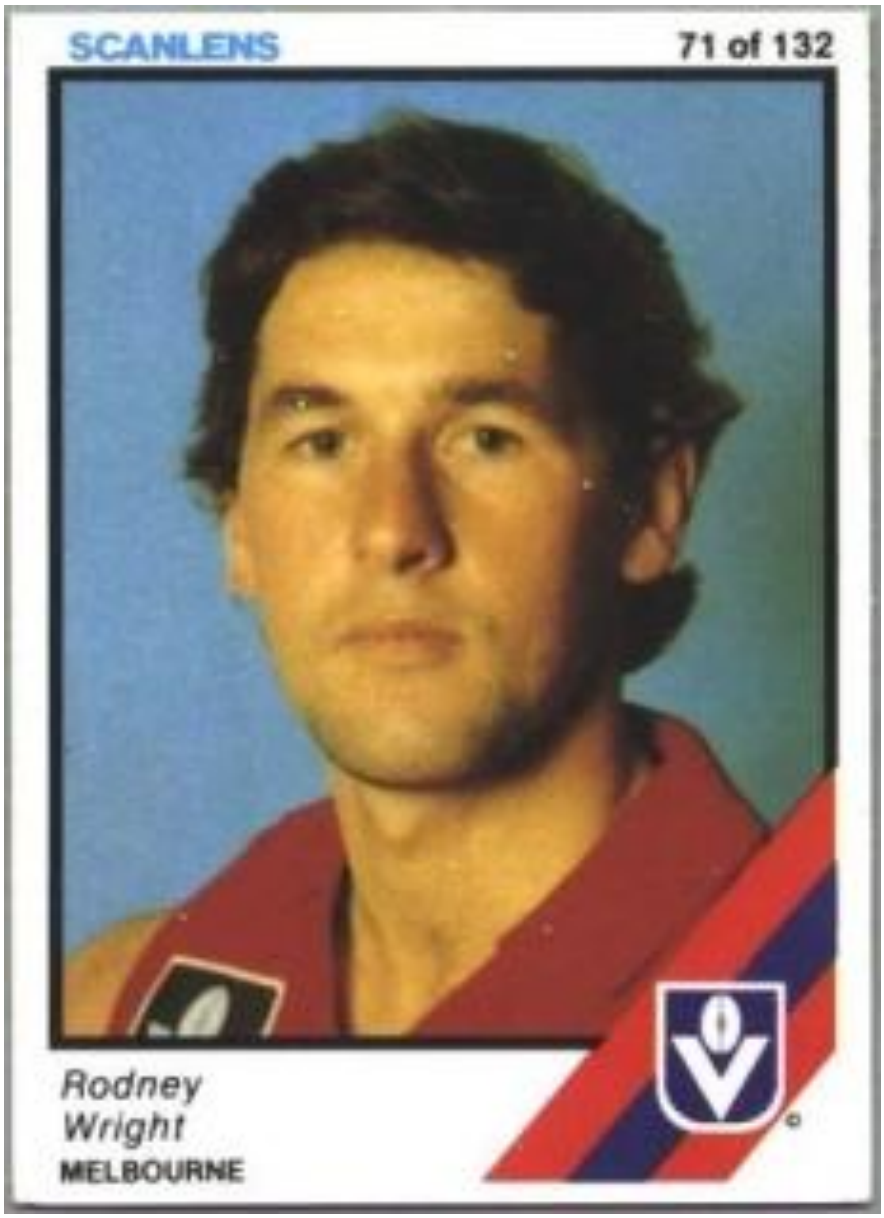


RODNEY WRIGHT (1960-) OLYMPIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Rodney played a total of 54 senior games in the VFL with North Melbourne and Melbourne.

He was a talented midfielder who played 22 games over three seasons at North (1980-1982) before joining the Demons in a straight swap for Andrew Moir. He was a reserves premiership player for Melbourne 1984 playing 32 games with the Ds and kicking 6 gaols. Goals: 6 (15 total).

Rodney also spent four years with Melbourne before joining VFA side Brunswick in 1987, remaining there through 1990. Played representative football for the VFA in 1987 (Sources: Holmesby, R & Main, J 2009, p913, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers: every AFL/VFL player since 1897, 8th ed; Rodney Wright's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Demon Wiki page). I saw the brilliance of Rodney close up in 1978 when I played at Bundoora under Bellfield stalwart, Kevin McCormick:



RONNIE MCKEOWN (1967-), BELLFIELD, COLLINGWOOD (LATER MACLEOD)

Ronie is the son of Preston Wanders & Bellfield legend player, Les McKeown and wife Pat.

Proud dad says it all

By PAUL MURPHY

MUCH as he would have liked, the teenager honored with Billy Picken's Collingwood guernsey in his debut game today couldn't announce his obvious joy.

A clause put in rookie Ron McKeown's contract by the club stops the 17-year-old being photographed or interviewed until he is 18.

So yesterday it was up to proud father Les to say it all for his son.

"Right from the start when I coached him in the under 10s he always looked like making it." Les said in front of the cabinet adorned with his son's football and cricket trophies.

But the news of his senior selection for the bumper clash with Carlton today was still a bit much for the well-built youngster.

"My wife, Pat, and I were listening to the teams on 3DB on Thursday night when the club rang to say Ron was in," Les said.

So when his son returned about 9.15 from playing indoor cricket, Les ran out and told Ron: "You're in on the half-back flank."

His son replied: "You're joking," and later said he almost fainted at the news.

Even at their modest Ivanhoe home yesterday — where calls, friends and telegrams had been pouring in — Les said Ron had told him he was "still packing himself."

Les, who played 265 games mostly at full-back with the nearby Preston Wanderers, said he was a diehard Magpie, but Ron had supported Essendon.

"Ron Andrews was his idol at Essendon and when our Ron lined up with Andrews in a couple of Reserves' games after he crossed over he reckoned it was the greatest thing ever," Les said.

McKEOWN: a family picture.

There was no saying how proud they were of Ron being picked and Les said the family would be "one of the first" to arrive at VFL Park today.

Ron, best and fairest in the Under 19s last year and with only two Reserves games under his belt, turned 17 in May during the schoolboys' tour of Ireland.

He impressed former Hawthorn skipper Don Scott who led the side, and also has been named in the All-Australian Teal Cup under 17 team.

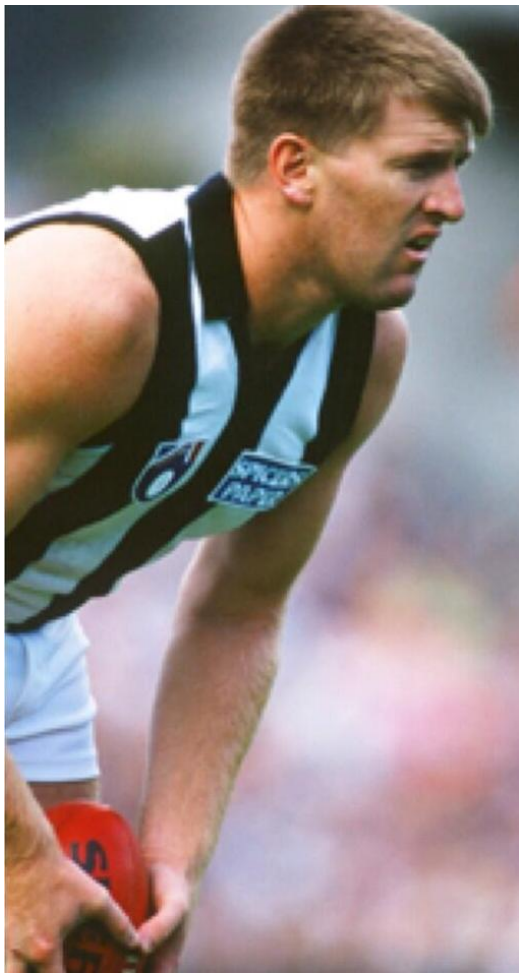
He is working at Magpie president Ranald Macdonald's new gymnasium at Tooroonga.

But it's a pity it could take 10 months before the obviously impressive McKeown will be allowed to say all that himself.

PROUD father Les McKeown holds the jumper his son, Ron, will wear today for the Pies. Picture: DREW FITZGIBBON

Originally playing most of his juniors with Bellfield, he had to cross over to Macleod juniors when Bellfield were left without an U18 team after 1977. Ronnie as a youngster is pictured below in Bellfield U10s side (back row, 2nd from the left):

Ron was just 17 when he made his VFL debut in 1984. At the pies he played 123 games and booted 105 goals. He finished the year in a losing preliminary final side. A full-back, he was often used with success up forward and in a game against Essendon in 1986 he kicked eight goals at Waverley Park (Ron McKeown, AFL Tables) (Images attributed to Collingwood FC):



Although he had made 20 appearances in 1990, McKeown didn't play in Collingwood's semifinal win and wasn't able to force his way back into the team for the grand final (Holmesby, R & Main, J, 2007), *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers.*

In 1991 he took time away from the game during the season after his twins, who were born prematurely, died but still played 18 rounds (*The Age*, 22 June 2003).

In the 1992 elimination final he kicked five goals however Collingwood were defeated by St Kilda. McKeown finished the season with 29 goals from just 13 games. His VFL career ended after the 1993 season but he continued playing football and was the leading goal-kicker in the second division of the Diamond Valley Football League in 1999, with 114 goals for Whittlesea.

Ronnie, is also a talented cricketer. He played with Bellfield Cricket Club in the HDCA, captaining and coaching the club to A Grade success. His career spanned from 1980 to 2001, amassing 6242 runs at 40.27 with 13 centuries. He was also more than handy with the ball, taking 149 wickets at 22.60.

He is further pictured below with his team mates, whereby Ron can be found standing back row, 3rd from the left for the Bellfield U14 cricket team 1980/81 season (image credit: Anthony Carbines MP, State Member for Ivanhoe):

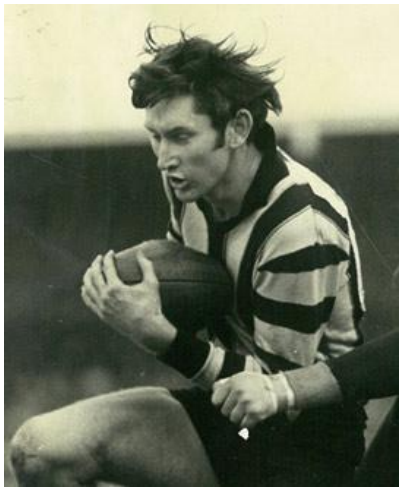
ROSS "TWIGGY" DUNNE (1948-), NORTH HEIDELBERG - COLLINGWOOD

Ross played 213 games for Collingwood, kicking 238goals. He debuted for the pies round 17 1967 aged 19 years old against St Kilda at Moorabbin Oval, lining up on champion full back Bob Murray. The Magpies would lose by 47 points, and despite also being manhandled by Saints ruckman Carl Ditterich, Dunne performed admirably, kicking four goals straight. He was selected for the semi-final against eventual grand finalist Geelong, again kicking four goals in a 30-point defeat ("1967 Semi-final - Geelong v Collingwood," AFL Tables).

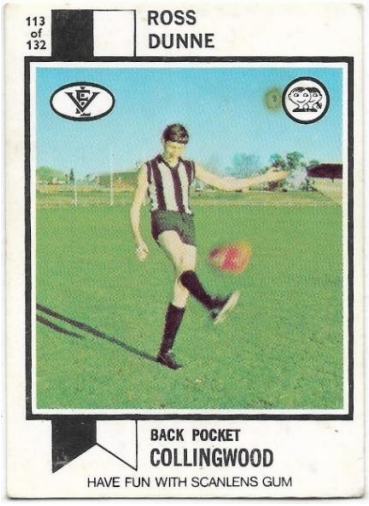
Dunne was considered among Collingwood's best players in the club's infamous loss to Carlton in the 1970 VFL Grand Final. What is not well-known is that he had been suffering considerable mental trauma, as his father Frank had died on the Monday leading up to the game (Kotton, Howard, 24 August 2020, "Heroes and Villains of 1970").

Dunne also played at least one season in the 1970s for Upwey-Tecoma in the Yarra Valley Mountain District Football League (Refer also: Ross Dunne's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Profile at Collingwood Forever).

Nick named 'Twiggy,' he played for the Collingwood Football Club from 1968 until 1978 including 18 finals (Ross Dunne Player Profile, Collingwood Forever). He is famous for kicking the goal in the dying minutes of the 1977 VFL Grand Final to draw the game:



Nicknamed after the famous British model due to his slim frame, Twiggy was a versatile, no-fuss player who spent much of his career at centre half-forward:



Ross was originally recruited by the pies from North Heidelberg juniors. He is pictured below standing in the back row 2nd from the left along with his Under 15 team mates at North Heidelberg, circa 1963:

Coach was Tich Coomber, 6th from the left in the back row has been identified as Brooke Anderson; Middle row first from left is Graeme White. Bottom row first from left is Craig Carpenter who operated a successful Body Repair business. Third from left Graham Stevens, and 4th from the left is Lachie McIvor.

SHANE BOND (1954-), WEST HEIDELBERG YCW – COLLINGWOOD AND NORTH MELBOURNE

Recruited from West Heidelberg YCW, Bond took a while to establish himself at Collingwood after playing his first game in 1974 (Holmesby, R & Main, J 2007, The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers), he played some good football in 1976, kicking four goals in a losing cause against St Kilda.

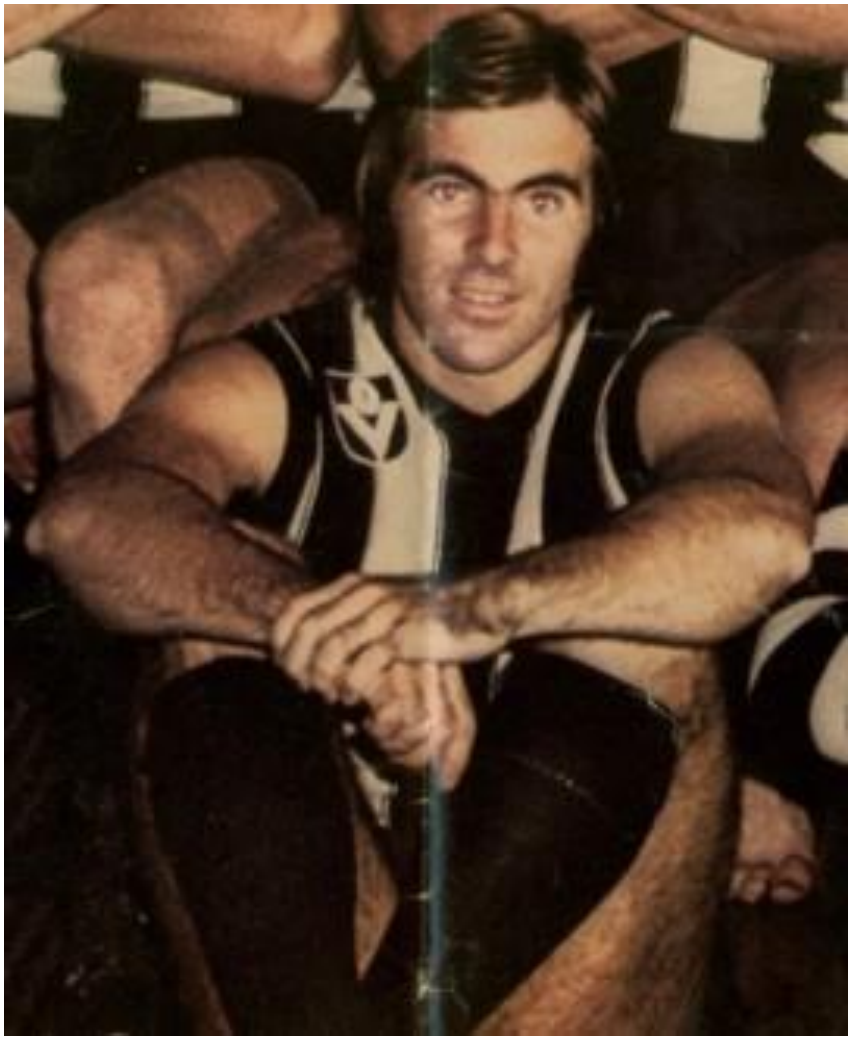
He played 48 senior VFL games and booted 37 goals for two clubs, Collingwood then North Melbourne.

For Collingwood Shane played 39 games kicking 29 goals at senior level between 1974-1978.

A rover, he participated in the 1977 VFL Grand Final, having come into the team in their previous fixture with the suspension of Phil Carman. The 1977 grand final was drawn and Bond was running with the ball on the wing when the siren sounded (Watson, M 2008, ABC News, "Just another game of football" 24 September 2008). He again played as a reserve in the replay but Collingwood were unable to get the win. He got close to another premiership decider in 1978 when he played in a preliminary final ("Shane Bond," AFL Tables).

Shane was traded to North Melbourne after the 1978 season, in a swap with Craig Davis (The Age, "New Pies go down well", 5 March 1979, p30). Bond was out of action for most of his first season at North Melbourne due to ankle surgery. He played in his club's 1980 Escort Cup premiership but appeared just nine times for the Kangaroos and kicked 8 goals in 1979-1980.

During the 1980 home and away season and announced his retirement at the end of the 1980 season (Refer also his Collingwood biography by MacFarlane, Glenn, "Shane K Bond". Collingwood Forever):

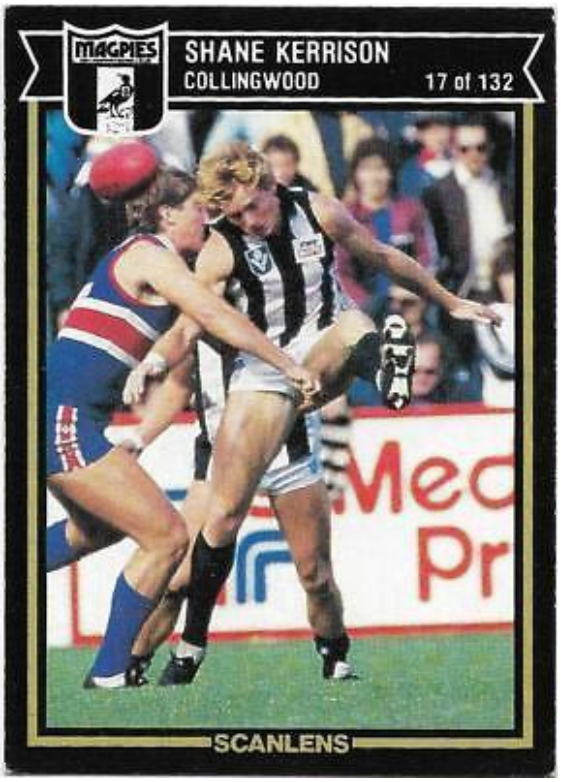


SHANE KERRISON (1965-), HEIDELBERG FC - COLLINGWOOD PREMIERSHIP PLAYER

Shane played his first game for the pies in Round 5, 1986.

He played 141 games and kicked 15 goals. Shane is remembered as a strong and durable tagger who built a reputation as an effective and unobtrusive defender. He etched his name into club history when he was a late inclusion for the 1990 Grand Final victory at the expense of Alan Richardson.

Wearing the number 44 jumper throughout his career, Kerrison retired at the end of 1995, but remained as a runner for Collingwood in the ensuing years. He bears the honours of Life members of the Collingwood FC, a premiership player and Hall of Famer at the pies (Sources: Shane Kerrison's playing statistics from AFL Tables; Player Profile Page for Shane Kerrison, Collingwood Forever; Images attributed to Collingwood Football Club and Scanlens Gum):



Shane Kerrison and Peter Daicos with the 1990 premiership cup.

Shane is a Life member of the Collingwood Football Club and a Hall of Famer.

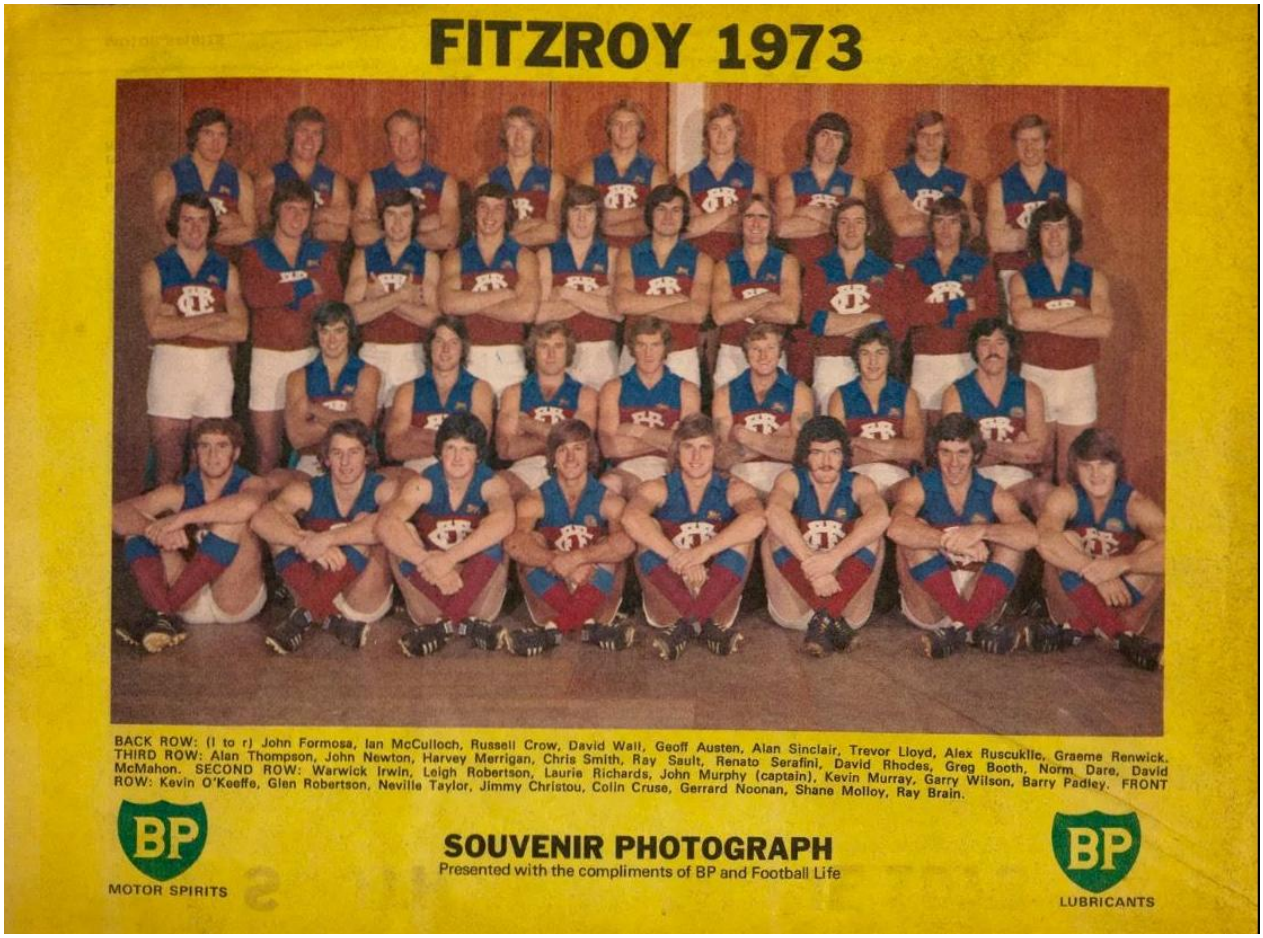
SHANE MOLLY (1949-), MACLEOD-ROSANNA - FITZROY

Shane Molloy (born 21 June 1949) played with Fitzroy.

He first played seniors in1969, and after national service, returned in 1971-74 to play 61 senior games in all and booted 4 goals.

Shane was recruited from Macleod-Rosanna, in the DVFL. He was a dire back pocket player and very reliable as a defender. He made his Fitzroy debut at Princes Park, in a loss to Footscray, who were celebrating Ted Whitten's 300th game.

The defender made four further appearances that year and spent the entire 1970 season in the reserves, but had the distinction of kicking the first ever goal at Waverley Park. He was a regular in the Fitzroy team in 1971 and 1972, missing just three games ("Shane Molloy," AFL Tables).


FITZROY 1973
BACK ROW: (l to r) John Formosa, Ian McCulloch, Russell Crow, David Wall, Geoff Austen, Alan Sinclair, Trevor Lloyd, Alex Ruscuklic, Graeme Renwick. THIRD ROW: Alan Thompson, John Newton, Harvey Merrigan, Chris Smith, Ray Sault, Renato Serafini, David Rhodes, Greg Booth, Norm Dare, David McMahon. SECOND ROW: Warwick Irwin, Leigh Robertson, Laurie Richards, John Murphy (captain), Kevin Murray, Garry Wilson, Barry Padley. FRONT ROW: Kevin O'Keeffe, Glen Robertson, Neville Taylor, Jimmy Christou, Colin Cruse, Gerrard Noonan, Shane Molloy, Ray Brain.
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Shane also played in the Fitzroy 1974 reserve premiership team:

BACK ROW: P. Rusculklic, G. Weatherley, D. Harrington, C. Smith, T. Lloyd, A. Sinclair, J. Duckworth, R. Carter, W. Richards, R. Serafini, J. Lorenzini, R. Randell.
MIDDLE ROW: W. Linton, D. Whitford, G. Booth, R. Brain, J. Formosa, W. Barnes (Hon. Treasurer), G. Robertson, C. Cruse, K. Hayes, L. Dwyer, John Christou.
FRONT ROW: L. Wigraft (Chairman), S. Molloy, D. McMahon, N. Dare (Captain), G. Campbell (Coach), L. Robertson (Vice-Captain), Jim Christou, A. Thompson, C. Clark (Hon. Secretary). Absent G. Noonan, K. O'Keefe.

The father of Jarrod Molloy, he played at VFA club Port Melbourne after leaving Fitzroy ("Revenge Is Sweet, Australian Football).

Shane captain-coached Montmorency to a Diamond Valley Football League premiership in 1979.
Molloy returned to the VFA in 1991 as coach of Box Hill and became person to steer the club to two successive finals series. He coached Port Melbourne in the 1995 VFA season.
He was also reserve coach at Ivanhoe AFC.

Shane is the father of Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions and Collingwood player Jarrod Molloy also recruited by the Roys from Macleod.

STEPHEN CLIFFORD – BANYULE, COLLINGWOOD & PORT ADELAIDE

Stephen burst on the scene at the pies picked to play as a 16-year-old in the seniors. He debuted round 18 1973 after first playing juniors for Olympic Youth. He then crossed to play for Banyule aged 12 years where he was recruited by Collingwood (Image credit: Collingwood forever):

Collingwood declined an invitation for him to train with the Lions due to his residential zoning with the club. His debut year at Victoria Park in 1973 was eventful, as he participated in eight matches for Collingwood's under 19s, eight in the reserves, and two in the seniors including his first game.

He did go on to play 38 games for the Pies over six, including three finals, all before reaching 19. There are not too many that can boast that at the tender age of 19. After being cleared to play for the prominent Port Adelaide club in SANFL, he found both team and individual success.

Recruited at the beginning of the 1978 by Port, Stephen quickly made his mark by winning the first of his three club Best and Fairest awards that same. He was a key player in Port Adelaide's premiership teams in 1979, 1980, and 1981, coinciding with Collingwood's grand losses during those years.

Additionally, he earned more Best and Fairest honours in 1980 and 1983. Although Clifford may not be as widely recognised as some of his more famous Port teammates, his three Best and Fairest awards within six years highlight his exceptional talent and consistency.

KEY FACTS

Full name
Stephen Ronald Clifford

Known as
Stephen Clifford

Nickname
Bomber

Born
18 September 1956 (age 68)

Age at first & last AFL game
First game: 16y 320d
Last game: 21y 202d

Height and weight
Height: 177 cm
Weight: 69 kg

Senior clubs
Collingwood; Preston; Port Adelaide

Jumper numbers
Collingwood: 42, 20

Recruited from
Collingwood (1977); Collingwood (1978); Preston (1978)

STEPHEN CLIFFORD

Advanced stats

Club	League	Career span	Games	Goals	Avg	Win %	AKI	AHB	AMK	BV
Collingwood	V/AFL	1973-1978	38	13	0.34	50%	10.29	1.66	3.47	2
Preston	VFA	1977	11	20	1.82	–	–	–	–	–
Port Adelaide	SANFL	1978-1986	162	174	1.07	–	–	–	–	–
Total		*1973-1986*	*211*	*207*	*0.98*	–	–	–	–	–

AFL: 8,605th player to appear, 5,017th most games played, 4,580th most goals kicked
Collingwood: 740th player to appear, 411th most games played, 394th most goals kicked

Despite winning a Gardiner Medal in 1974 for the best and fairest in the VFL Reserve's competition, Stephen Clifford struggled to cement a permanent place in the strong Collingwood line-up of the mid to late 70s. After 38 games in six seasons with the Victorian Magpies, and a brief interlude at VFA club Preston, Clifford joined the South Australian Magpies, Port Adelaide, in 1978 and went on to enjoy an illustrious and highly productive career with the club. Best and fairest in his debut season, he landed the award again in 1980 and 1983, and was a member of Port's 1979-80-81 premiership teams. His final games tally of 162 would have been considerably higher had he not broken his ankle on two occasions and fallen out with the club over player payments for a time in 1984.

Not quick, but tough, combative, skilful, and a thumping kick, Clifford, who exulted in the nickname 'Bomber' was lauded at Alberton and loathed elsewhere, and was without doubt one of the single biggest reasons behind Port Adelaide's success under John Cahill during the late '70s and early '80s.

Author - John Devaney

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WAYNE FREEMAN – BELLFIELD, COLLINGWWOD & MELBOURNE

COLLINGWOOD FOREVER

Under-19s Premierships

Wayne was a standout along with Ray Sweeney (5 Goals) booting 4 goals and judged best afield in the Magpies triumphant 1974 Under 10 premiership win thumping Essendon 17. 14. 116 to 9.14.68:

1974

Grand Final(September 28, 1974)

Collingwood 2.4 6.7 11.13 17.14.116

Essendon 2.1 4.2 6.5 9.14.68

Goals: Sweeney 5, Freeman 4, Walsh 4, Stott 2, McEwan 1, Hockins 1

Best: Freeman, Jessop, Stott, Walsh, Hockins, Cahill, Dean, Sweeney

Premiership team

Backs: Garry Jessop Terry Wight Geoff Dean

HB: Peter Uren Terry Cahill John Lamb

C: Russell Jessop Robert McEwan Lou Hockins

HF: Graeme Bux Geoff Walsh Ivan New

For: Phillip Stott Ray Sweeney Wayne Freeman

Foll: Robert Bird Graeme Stevens Ray Shepherd

Res: Julian Wightwick Daryl Butler

Coach: Des Healey

The 1974 Under-19 squad. Back row: G Teesdale, K Head, B Niclasen, G Jessop, W Freeman, P Constantine, I Johnson, J Wassell. Fourth row: G Walsh, G Stevens, P Stavropoulos, S Pratt, R Johnson, P Uren. Third row: R McEwen, R Bird, G Dean, J Edmunds, P Morcom, M Anderson, K Stubbs, S Milnkovic. Second row: R Jessop, D Butler, L Hopkins, T Cahill, R Sweeney, T Wight, R McMahon, J Lamb, R Shepherd. Front: D Maroney, F McFarland, D Watson, A Waller, I New(Captain), P Stott(Vice-captain), Des Healey(Coach), R Dunn, H Ross, E Trenear. John Teesdale(mascot).

Wayne went on to play for 12 reserved games for Collingwood between the years 1974-1976.

Demonwiki

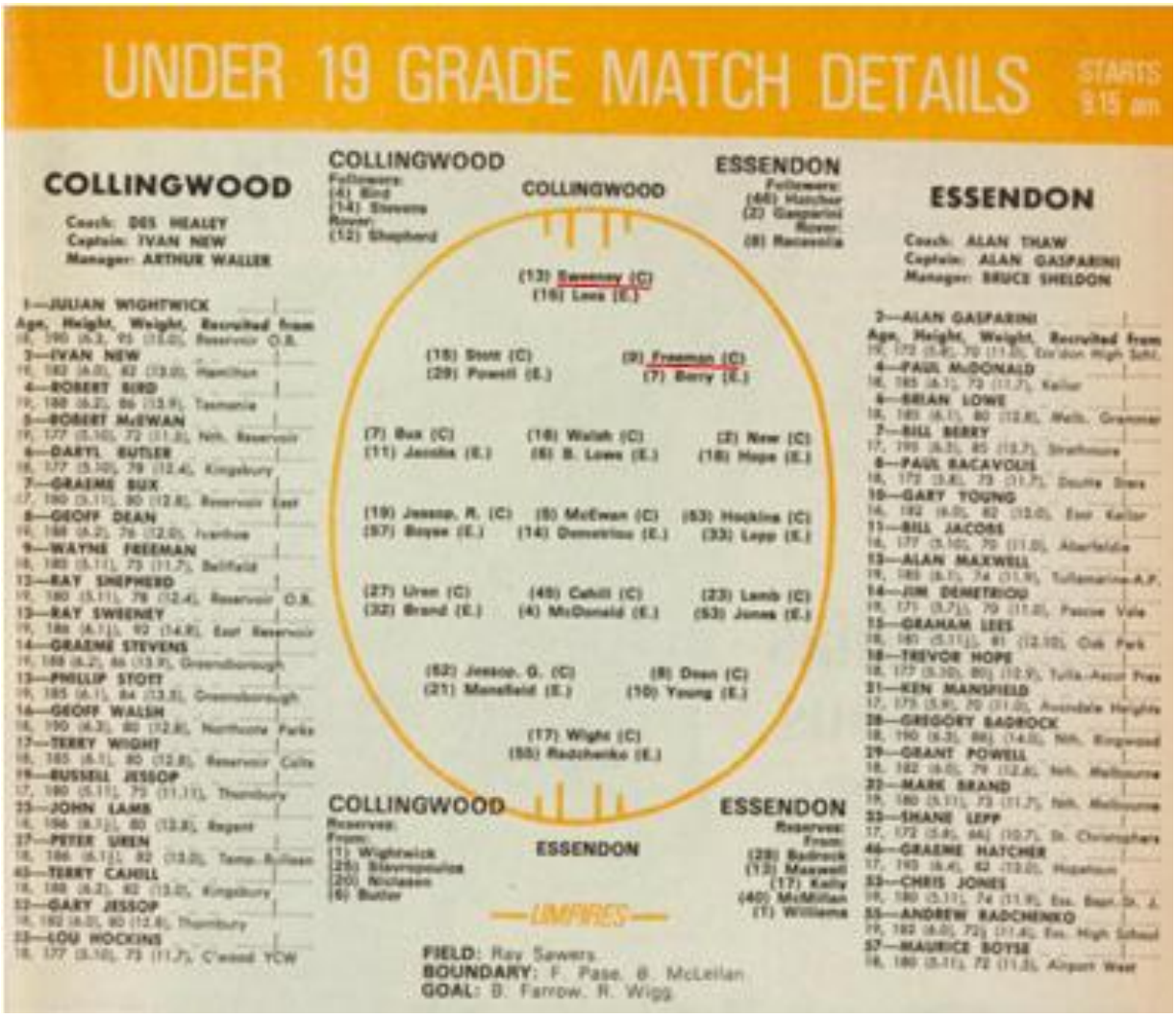
The history of the Melbourne Football Club

He crossed over before round 11 in 1976 to play for the Demons registering as one of the Demons best in round 11 against Collingwood, and a goal kicker in round 11, 13:

Round 11
Melbourne 16.14.110 d. Collingwood 14.11.95
Goals - Walley 5, Johnston 3, Carrol 2, Walters 2, Davidson 1, Freeman 1, Giampaolo 1, Hutchison 1
Best - Giampaolo, Carroll, Freeman

Round 12
Melbourne 15.17.107 d. North Melbourne 13.9.87
Goals - Walters 5, Giampaolo 3, Carroll 1, Flower 1, Goss 1, Graham 1, Johnston 1, Lyons 1, Walley 1
Best - McKellar, Giampaolo, Carroll

Round 13
Footscray 17.23.125 d. Melbourne 10.13.73
Goals - Freeman 2, Walley 2, Walters 2, Campbell 1, Goss 1, Graham 1, Woodman 1
Best - Goss, Woodman, O'Keefe



UNDER 19 GRADE MATCH DETAILS

STARTS 9.15 am

COLLINGWOOD

Coach: DES HEALEY
Captain: IVAN NEW
Manager: ARTHUR WALLER

1—JULIAN WIGHTWICK
Age, Height, Weight, Recruited from
2—IVAN NEW
3—ROBERT BIRD
4—ROBERT McEWAN
5—DARYL BUTLER
6—GRAEME BUX
7—GEOFF DEAN
8—WAYNE FREEMAN
9—RAY SHEPHERD
10—RAY SWEENEY
11—GRAEME STEVENS
12—PHILLIP STOTT
13—GEOFF WALSH
14—TERRY WIGHT
15—RUSSELL JESSOP
16—JOHN LAMB
17—PETER UREN
18—TERRY CAHILL
19—GARY JESSOP
20—LOU WOCKINS

COLLINGWOOD
Followers:
(4) Bird
(14) Stevens
Rover:
(12) Shepherd

COLLINGWOOD

(13) Sweeney (C)
(16) Lees (E.)

(15) Stott (C)
(29) Powell (E.)

(9) Freeman (C)
(7) Berry (E.)

(7) Bux (C)
(11) Jacobs (E.)

(18) Walsh (C)
(8) B. Lowe (E.)

(2) New (C)
(18) Hope (E.)

(19) Jessop, R. (C)
(37) Boyce (E.)

(5) McEwan (C)
(14) Demetriou (E.)

(53) Hocking (C)
(33) Lepp (E.)

(27) Uren (C)
(32) Brand (E.)

(49) Cahill (C)
(4) McDonald (E.)

(23) Lamb (C)
(53) Jones (E.)

(52) Jessop, G. (C)
(21) Mansfield (E.)

(8) Dean (C)
(10) Young (E.)

(17) Wight (C)
(55) Radchenko (E.)

COLLINGWOOD
Reserves:
From:
(1) Wightwick
(25) Stavropoulos
(20) Nicholson
(6) Butler

ESSENDON

ESSENDON
Followers:
(46) Hatcher
(2) Gasparini
Rover:
(8) Racanello

ESSENDON

Coach: ALAN THAW
Captain: ALAN GASPARINI
Manager: BRUCE SHELDON

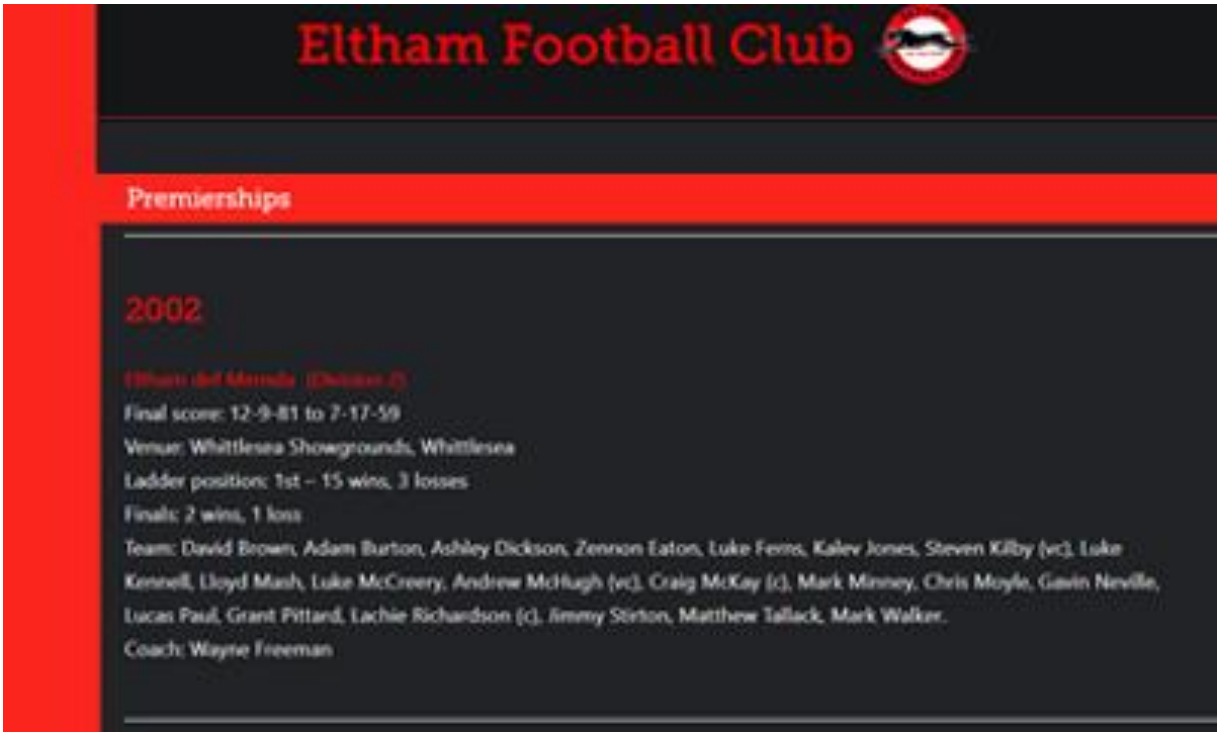
2—ALAN GASPARINI
Age, Height, Weight, Recruited from
4—PAUL McDONALD
6—BRIAN LOWE
7—BILL BERRY
8—PAUL RACANELLIS
10—GARY YOUNG
11—BILL JACOBS
13—ALAN MAXWELL
14—JIM DEMETRIOU
15—GRAHAM LEES
18—TREVOR HOPE
21—KEN MANSFIELD
28—GREGORY BADROCK
29—GRANT POWELL
32—MARK BRAND
33—SHANE LEPP
46—GRAEME HATCHER
53—CHRIS JONES
55—ANDREW RADCHENKO
57—MAURICE BOYSE

ESSENDON
Reserves:
From:
(28) Badrock
(13) Maxwell
(17) Kelly
(40) McMillan
(1) Williams

UMPIRES

FIELD: Ray Sawers
BOUNDARY: F. Pase, B. McLellan
GOAL: B. Farrow, R. Wigg

In 2002 coached Eltham football club in the Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL) Division 2 to a premiership:


Eltham Football Club
Premierships
2002
Final score: 12-9-81 to 7-17-59
Venue: Whittlesea Showgrounds, Whittlesea
Ladder position: 1st – 15 wins, 3 losses
Finals: 2 wins, 1 loss
Team: David Brown, Adam Burton, Ashley Dickson, Zennon Eaton, Luke Ferris, Kalev Jones, Steven Kilby (vc), Luke Kennell, Lloyd Mash, Luke McCreery, Andrew McHugh (vc), Craig McKay (c), Mark Minney, Chris Moyle, Gavin Neville, Lucas Paul, Grant Pittard, Lachie Richardson (c), Jimmy Stirton, Matthew Tallack, Mark Walker.
Coach: Wayne Freeman

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SECTION TWO

RESTORATION OF THE FADING HISTORY OF GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL IN WEST HEIDELBERG

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DEDICATION TO DAVID “ONGA” CAMPBELL

LOCAL WEST HEIDELBERG YCW FOOTBALL ARCHIVIST

This section two is in honor of the remarkable contributions of David "Onga" Campbell in preserving the rich football history of West Heidelberg YCW Football Club. The present author through collaborator, John Bell, esteemed figure in the club, was encouraged by his and Onga’s friends, Peter McKenna and Noel Vincent to complete this book.

Recovered what seemed to be lost visual artifacts and factual narratives related to the West Heidelberg YCW Football Club; and its neighbouring teams, John, Noel and Peter highlight the importance of incorporating these elements into this book to ensure their preservation for future generations.

John Guest also extends his sincere thanks to fellow West Heidelberg football history enthusiasts, Chris Everard, Mark White, Shaylene White, and David White, and Mitchel Guest for materials from club archival platforms, helping to safeguard the many former local club’s histories from being erased.

In short John, Peter and Noel, expressed their delight at John Guest producing and publishing this book, believing it helps to bridge the gap in the history of football in West Heidelberg, particularly in relation to Melbourne YCW league football.

They feel this book not only celebrates the vibrant community spirit of West Heidelberg but also counters less flattering narratives from authors who lacked firsthand experience of life living there during the 50s, 60, and 70s, and for keeping Onga’s archivist spirit alive.

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IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF WEST HEIDELBERG YCW

While not the founder of the West Heidelberg Football Club - often credited to his predecessor, Father Maher, the parish priest of St Pius Roman Catholic Parish - Father Kevin Mogg serves as the club symbolic father figure.

Father Mogg joined Fr. George Maher as a Curate at St Pius in West Heidelberg around 1956.

The club is believed to have been formed by Fr. Maher around 1949 or 1950, coinciding with the birth of neighbouring Bellfield Amateur Football Club, who also played at Ford Park.

Before moving to Ford Park, West Heidelberg YCW played at Shelley Park. Noting that the Australian population surged through immigration and a baby boom, leading to a significant housing shortage. The recently vacated Olympic Village at West Heidelberg provided homes for many families through Victoria's Housing Commission and the suburb boomed with post war babies and there were plenty of baby boomer kids to populate each of the 12 local football clubs which sprang up in succession.

In respect to some of these clubs, and under the exceptional community leadership of Fr. Maher (1932-2022), his growing parish St Pius provided an excellent environment for the young to develop and direct their abundant energy towards playing football. Fr. Mogg, born in 1932, came on to the scene about 1955 to solidify his training as a priest, pastor, and mentor to the families within the parish and the wider community, he was particularly successful in encouraging the numerous young individuals he met to play football.

With a passion for sports and a fondness for horse racing, Fr. Kevin Mogg, with Fr. Maher's support, connected at the level of the young men of the parish he coached in football and made them a powerhouse in the Melbourne YCW Football League. Although Fr. Mogg never played football due to a childhood car accident, he shared the same love for the game as rest of the community. His keen insights, tactical knowledge, and oratory skills were invaluable assets in coaching football during the 1950s to 1970s.

The Young Christian Workers movement, inspired by Joseph Cardijn's "See, Judge and Act" model, offered an excellent platform for Fr. Mogg to connect with the parish's youth, fostering their faith and enhancing their leadership and service skills.

In, the West Heidelberg YCW football context his club became a significant force within the impressive Melbourne YCW Football League. Thus, both he and the football club he developed were perfectly aligned with the needs of West Heidelberg community of St Pius parish during that time.

This poor-quality photograph which appears to have been taken perhaps as late as mid-1960s, does capture however, the enthusiasm and team bravado West Heidelberg YCW demonstrated as a successful YCW club, and coached by Fr. Kevin Mogg:

The YCW football competition

One major way in which the Australian YCW sought to serve young workers was through its vast Australian football competition, reputed to be the largest in the country.

A 2016 article in The Advertiser states that by 1966 the YCW National Football Association comprised over 140 teams and 3000 players from Victoria, SA, WA and Tasmania.

The Advertiser

When football was religious

BOOMER LETTERS

Many of these footballers went on to fame and fortune in the V/AFL, SANFL and other senior competitors.

The more famous V/AFL footballers from the YCW competition included such stars as Peter McKenna, Des Tuddenham, Paddy Guinane, John Kennedy, Kevin Dynon and Tony Ongarello. Neil Kerley was another in South Australia.

Extraordinary, under any circumstance …

17 IN A ROW TO WEST HEIDELBERG

The YCW A Grade premiership once again went to West Heidelberg — their 17th consecutive flag.

During the season it looked like the champions run had ended as they struggled to keep with the two favorites, Collingwood and Sunshine.

But gradually the confidence of new players began to show, and the astute coaching of Fr Kevin Mogg, who has been captain and coach throughout their reign, moulded them into a winning combination.

On Saturday their pace and play-on system proved too much for their triple-flag opponents.

The big ground was in perfect condition, but the wind made kicking difficult, which suited the smaller West Heidelberg side.

Ruckman, F. King used his speed and spring to out-manoeuvre his bigger opponents, and gave his team-mates countless opportunities.

Collingwood wingman, J. King, dominated his wing for the first half, and gave his side an edge.

L. Filkington was moved after half-time on to J. King, and not only blanketed that player but gave West Heidelberg a winning avenue of attack.

Other players to do well were West Heidelberg's centre half-back, L. Ridd, and T. Taylor.

Collingwood's best were half-forward, L. Hoskin,

YCW football

and centre half-back, G. Locke.

SCORES

A Grade Final: West Heidelberg 10-11 d Collingwood 9-10.

C North Grand Final: Collingwood 13-16 d West Heidelberg 9-2.

YCW netball

Heidelberger, Newspaper, September 1974

The first surviving colour photograph provided by John Bell is submitted below. It shows the senior squad running on to the field to begin a finals game between West Heidelberg YCW and West Preston YCW, held at Warringal Park Heidelberg in 1967:

Next is the tossing of the coin in the same game, to whom the author suspects pictured is West Heidelberg YCW Captain, Doug Castles:

Below is the player list for the YCW League A-Grade competition 1973 whereby West Heidelberg YCW won the premiership. The senior team played at Shelley Park when North Heidelberg played away. Captain is Doug Castles, older brother of Mick Castles, a West Heidelberg YCW junior who crossed over to neighbour club at Ford Park, along with his mates Jamie Gargaro and John Guest to play for Bellfield Under 16s, in 1976. There are some great players listed in this team that could have held their own in any company despite not going on to play in the VFL, including Doug Castles, Steve Wilding and so many others (Archive donation by Brian Baker):

Umpire: R. RUSSO

TZGERALD (Corpus Christi College)
r: L. VIGENSER (Collingwood)

WEST HEIDELBERG

Black and Green

3 D. Scannell
5 P. Watt
6 M. Froude
9 B. Coyle
11 S. Wilding
14 T. Key
16 J. Rose
18 P. Willey
19 L. Andrews
25 L. Rigg
26 D. Castles (capt.)
28 P. Taylor
29 L. Huckstepp
31 P. McKay
32 C. Pike
34 P. Hart
35 B. Baker
44 L. Pilkington (v.-capt.)
50 M. Jones
53 J. Bond
54 W. Price
55 P. Rigg

Coach: C. Leahy

Next is the known surviving coloured photograph of the West Heidelberg YCW juniors when known as West Heidelberg Boys Club (pre-St Pius), junior football club. The picture is circa 1980/1 and the team is displayed in that iconic jumper in the changing rooms at Ford Park. The player front row middle (blonde hair) is Anthony Twomey younger brother of Dave Twomey) (Image credit: Chris Everard):

The wonderful West Heidelberg YCW Guernsey is believed to have been conceived by Father George Maher and incorporated the Melbourne Football Club “V” shape yoke and combined it with the St Pius School colours, black, green yellow and white. Below is a cherished artifact from the West Heidelberg YCW junior football club: a miniature pennant flag to a player. These memorable tokens were fondly distributed during trophy night to players. Shared by Shaylene White is the 1974 U/10 and 1976 U12 miniature pennants with many family names carried through the generations of the club:

Below is yet another cherished artifact from the West Heidelberg YCW junior football club: a miniature pennant flag to a player. These memorable tokens were fondly distributed during trophy night by the boys of West. This U/16 memento is thought feature the names of the players from the last premiership, then known as the West Heidelberg Boys Club (Image credit: Shaylene White):

The final years 1979-1983 for West Heidelberg YCW (St Pius)

Three promotions in 5 seasons demonstrated the club had the goods going from F grade to C grade in a very competitive league and making the finals in C grade before folding in 1983 against many teams that had old boy recruitment.

The following heritage of the club in its final years 1979 in 1983 in the VAFA captures the clubs closely heritage and the account is attributed to consultations with the present author's old team mate at West Heidelberg YCW, playing together in the mid to early 1970s, Patty Mineely. Known also as Dr Patrick Mineely.

Patty's father Mr Mineely a long serving stalwart and secretary of the club. [1]The club battled on to play and below celebrated personal milestones reached by a couple of players, Charles "Chris" Ray and Noel Swainger.[2]

Both Charles and Noel were popular and Chris Ray was the young reserves captain. He played his 100th game and Noel Swainger, the youngest member of a hard-working family, plays his 50th. Both "Whisper" and "Ita" as they were respectively nick-names also played all their under-age football with the junior body of our club and so, between them have probably worn our club jumper on about 400 occasions. Both of these talented young players have a lot of football ahead of them and it is hoped that they will continue to play great football for our club for years to come. Noel is the younger brother of Greg Swainger otherwise known as "sauce":

BALL BRIEFS

WEST HEIDELBERG WHISPERS!!

Two players reach important milestones at **St. Pius** today. Our popular young reserves captain **Chris Ray** plays his 100th game and **Noel Swainger,** the youngest member of a hard-working family, plays his 50th. Both "Whisper" and "Ita" also played all their under-age football with the junior body of our club and so, between them have probably worn our club jumper on about 400 occasions. Both of these talented young players have a lot of football ahead of them and it is hoped that they will continue to play great football for our club for years to come.

GERNS REACHES HIS 100TH

Today marks **Roger Gerny's** 100th game for **Old Haileyburians.** Roger has missed only three games on the way to his "ton". The 23-year-old veteran has a number of highlights to his credit, including the 1978 Junior Section 2 competition best and fairest, the club's Under 19 best and fairest in that years' premiership team, the club's senior best and fairest in 1979 and state amateur representation. "Gerns" has played the majority of his footy on the wing, with an occasional spell as a rover or half-forward flanker. His raking left-foots kicks are something of a mix of Neville Fields and a soccer forward's corner kick, and the former high jump champ is well known for his ambidexterity. The athletic no. 19 is also one of the first seen in the bar for a convivial after-match drink with friend and foe alike. After some dismal attempts at motor sport, Germs seems to have found his sporting niche at Old Haileybury. Well done Roger and all the best for the future from all at O.H.

100 GAMES AT OLD SCOTCH

All at **Old Scotch** congratulate **John Carlyle** on achieving the milestone of 100 games for the club. A staunch defender with the juniors and reserves, John has worked hard for his club for many years. Well done, John! Keep up the good work.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AT OLD PARADIANS

Old Paradians players, members and supporters are reminded of two of the years social highlights. Tonight the 25th is the annual talent night where those talented on and off the field get to show their on-stage ability — or lack of. The venue is Damian Bibby's and the performances will be preceded by a barbecue tea.

On Wednesday the 29th is the annual sportsmens' night at Heidelberg Town Hall. This year's guest speaker is **Jack Rennie** of boxing fame. The $25 admission includes a meal, drinks, a ticket in the $1000 draw and a very entertaining evening. Starting time is 7.00 p.m. For information contact **Brendan McCusker** on 546 1278 or **John Boland** on 723 1145.

BELATED 50TH GAMES AT OLD PARADIANS

A belated but no less hearty congratulations to **Steve Exton** on achieving 50 games played in the **Old Paradians** successful game against Coburg in round 9. A wingman by profession, Steve's chief assets are his explosive pace and bull gathering ability once it hits the ground (something to do with living on a spud farm perhaps). Runner up in last year's club B & F, we look forward to many more great games from you in guiding the O.P.'s back to the top of the amateur football tree. "EXT".

[1] Understanding has it that the club's demise not only attributed to diminishing youth player stocks like all other local clubs at the time was also adversely impacted by losing reliable income from alcohol sales. The local priest would not allow the social club on the St Pius School ground to any longer sell alcohol to club members and with recreational and social activities on site curtailed, diminished income over the years adding to woes. Patty like many had amusing tales of his father taking a few sidestep after committee meetings as Secretary.

[2] The Amateur Footballer Official Journal of the Victorian Amateur Football Association. July 2nd, 1983 Vol. 8310t0. 12.

A season earlier in 1982. The club played D grade winning promotion again to C grade. As the mid-season record shows the Seniors when just out of the final four but the reserves again sat on top of ladder:[3]

D SECTION

Old Ivanhoe Gram.	**8**	**2**	**—**	**1136**	**781**	**145.5**	**32**
Parkside	**8**	**2**	**—**	**991**	**907**	**109.3**	**32**
North Brunswick	**7**	**3**	**—**	**1240**	**829**	**149.6**	**28**
St. Bede's O.C.	**6**	**4**	**—**	**1137**	**1009**	**112.7**	**24**
State Bank	6	4	—	1132	1028	110.1	24
St. Pius	6	4	—	891	826	107.9	24
University Reds	4	6	—	1126	1094	102.9	16
Assumption O.C.	3	7	—	909	1132	80.3	12
Power House	1	9	—	796	1313	60.6	4
Heatherton	1	9	—	657	1148	57.2	4

D RESERVE SECTION

St. Pius	**9**	**1**	**—**	**823**	**522**	**157.7**	**36**
St. Bede's O.C.	**8**	**2**	**—**	**777**	**499**	**155.7**	**32**
North Brunswick	**7**	**3**	**—**	**908**	**608**	**149.3**	**28**
Old Ivanhoe Gram.	**6**	**4**	**—**	**761**	**597**	**127.5**	**24**
Parkside	6	4	—	627	571	109.8	24
Power House	4	5	1	706	705	100.1	18
University Reds	4	6	—	746	567	131.6	16
†State Bank	3	7	—	618	757	81.6	12
Assumption O.C.	2	7	1	612	687	89.1	10
Heatherton	—	10	—	274	1381	19.8	—

Eventually St Pius finished 3rd in seniors and the Reserves again topping ladder at the end of season.[4]

D SECTION

Old Ivanhoe Gr.	**14**	**3**	**—**	**2027**	**1354**	**149.7**	**56**
Parkside	**14**	**3**	**—**	**1799**	**1440**	**124.9**	**56**
St. Pius	**13**	**4**	**—**	**1805**	**1392**	**129.7**	**52**
North Brunswick	**11**	**6**	**—**	**2062**	**1423**	**144.9**	**44**
St. Bede's O.C.	9	8	—	1657	1666	99.5	36
State Bank	8	9	—	1860	1833	101.5	32
University Reds	6	11	—	1682	1869	90.0	24
Assumption O.C.	5	12	—	1495	1964	76.1	20
Power House	4	13	—	1403	2078	67.5	16
*Heatherton	1	16	—	1053	2050	51.4	4

D RESERVE SECTION

St. Pius	**16**	**1**	**—**	**1584**	**894**	**177.2**	**64**
St. Bede's O.C.	**12**	**5**	**—**	**1384**	**957**	**144.6**	**48**
Old Ivanhoe Gram.	**12**	**5**	**—**	**1373**	**1002**	**137.0**	**48**
North Brunswick	**11**	**6**	**—**	**1674**	**991**	**168.9**	**44**
Parkside	11	6	—	1260	967	130.3	44
Power House	8	8	1	1211	1183	102.4	34
University Reds	5	12	—	1134	1269	89.4	20
State Bank	5	12	—	1102	1464	75.3	20
Assumption O.C.	3	13	1	948	1347	70.4	14
Heatherton	1	16	—	526	2156	24.4	4

In 1980 in J3 which was the 2nd year of the U19s team fielded by West Heidelberg YCW come St Pius disbanded at season end which drained player recruitment for the senior and reserves teams. A familiar scenario for many of these great suburban junior feeder teams to their senior affiliate clubs. That year David Gleeson finished 3rd in U19 Section 3. Best and fairest and David would go on to join Heidelberg and coach there also.

[3] The Amateur Footballer Official Journal of the Victorian Amateur Football Association. June 26 1982, Pp. 12-13.

[4] The Amateur Footballer Official Journal of the Victorian Amateur Football Association. August 21, 1982. Pp. 16-17.

It was in season 1979, West Heidelberg YCW branded as St Pius playing in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) and that had one of their better seasons in the VAFA along with 1980. Both the and second twenties both won promotion to E grade by winning Grand Finals in 1979.[5]

FIXTURES, RESULTS "E" SECTION

APRIL 12
Elst'wick v Mentone
N Bruns v Princes H
ANZ Bk v O Geelong
Bul Utd v La Trobe
Thornbury v UHSOB
St Pius v W Bruns

APRIL 19
Mentone v ANZ Bk
Princes H v Bul Utd
UHSOB v St Pius
La Trobe v N Bruns
O Geelong v Thornbury
W Bruns v Elst'wick

APRIL 26
N Bruns v O Geelong
ANZ Bk v UHSOB
Bul Utd v Elst'wick
La Trobe v Mentone
St Pius v Thornbury
Princes H v W Bruns

MAY 3
Elst'wick v ANZ Bk
Mentone v St Pius
O Geelong v Bul Utd
UHSOB v Princess H
Thornbury v N Bruns
W Bruns v La Trobe

MAY 10
N Bruns v Elst'wick
Bul Utd v ANZ Bk
Princes H v O Geelong
St Pius v La Trobe
Thornbury v Mentone
UHSOB v W Bruns

MAY 17
Elst'wick v St Pius
ANZ Bk v N Bruns
Mentone v Princes H
O Geelong v UHSOB
La Trobe v Thornbury
Bul Utd v W Bruns

MAY 24
St Pius v ANZ Bk
N Bruns v Bul Utd
UHSOB v Mentone
Princes H v La Trobe
Thornbury v Elst'wick
W Bruns v O Geelong

MAY 31
Elst'wick v Princes H
Bul Utd v St Pius
Mentone v O Geelong
La Trobe v UHSOB
ANZ Bk v Thornbury
N Bruns v W Bruns

JUNE 7
St Pius v N Bruns
Princes H v ANZ Bk
UHSOB v Elst'wick
O Geelong v La Trobe
Thornbury v Bul Utd
W Bruns v Mentone

JUNE 14
No Fixtures

JUNE 21
Mentone v Bul Utd
O Geelong v St Pius
UHSOB v N Bruns
La Trobe v Elst'wick
Princes H v Thornbury
W Bruns v ANZ Bk

JUNE 28
St Pius v Princes H
Elst'wick v O Geelong
N Bruns v Mentone
Bul Utd v UHSOB
ANZ Bk v La Trobe
Thornbury v W Bruns

JULY 5
O Geelong v N Bruns
UHSOB v ANZ Bk
Elst'wick v Bul Utd
Mentone v La Trobe
Thornbury v St Pius
W Bruns v Princes H

JULY 12
ANZ Bk v Elst'wick
St Pius v Mentone
Bul Utd v O Geelong
Princes H v UHSOB
N Bruns v Thornbury
La Trobe v W Bruns

JULY 19
Elst'wick v N Bruns
ANZ Bk v Bul Utd
O Geelong v Princes H
La Trobe v St Pius
Mentone v Thornbury
W Bruns v UHSOB

JULY 26
St Pius v Elst'wick
N Bruns v ANZ Bk
Princes H v Mentone
UHSOB v O Geelong
Thornbury v La Trobe
W Burns v Bul Utd

AUGUST 2
ANZ Bk v St Pius
Bul Utd v N Bruns
Mentone v UHSOB
La Trobe v Princes H
Elst'wick v Thornbury
O Geelong v W Bruns

AUGUST 9
Princes H v Elst'wick
St Pius v Bul Utd
O Geelong v Mentone
UHSOB v La Trobe
Thornbury v ANZ Bk
W Bruns v N Bruns

AUGUST 16
N Bruns v St Pius
ANZ Bk v Princes H
Elst'wick v UHSOB
La Trobe v O Geelong
Bul United v Thornbury
Mentone v W Bruns

At the time, the 1979 U19s for the club was largely comprised with 1976 and 1977 U16s who had the season before in 1978 played together at U18s in the Preston Districts Football Association (PDFA), and along with them in the VAFA in 1979 as the club's U/19 squad were joined by several Heidelberg Colts/Olympic players.

According to Patty, it was a tough few years after leaving the Preston Reservoir Sunday Junior Football League (PRJSFL). Travel was an issue as few had cars in those days and we were required to play at Macleod ground and trained at Heidelberg Technical School ground which had no lights or change rooms. This meant the U19s in the VAFA years of 79 and 80 were a bit like old Brisbane Bears without a home. The club stalwarts consulted are sure they would have won more games had we played at Shelly Reserve. However, North Heidelberg played there and Ford Park wasn't an option for some unknown reason to play or train, but the club proudly in these late years always fielded a team.

[5] The Amateur Footballer Official Journal of the Victorian Amateur Football Association April 12", 1980 Vol. 80 No. 2

Below is the 1974, West Heidelberg Boys Club Under 10 premiership team featuring Pat Mineely, a.k.a., r Patrick Mineely's younger brother, 2nd from the left. The junior club during the 1970s was known as West Heidelberg Boys Club (WHBC). Pictured back row left to right is coach Bill Price husband of Christine Wheala, sister of club stalwart Mark Whelan, and team manager and junior club legend Harry Ballard:

IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF WEST IVANHOE FOOTBALL CLUB

Inspired by the remarkable efforts of brothers Geoff and Bruce Swallow, who discovered this magnificent photograph believed to be lost for 65 years, we are thrilled to showcase it today. The Swallow brothers meticulously traced each player to match names with their images in the team photograph:

WEST IVANHOE Y.C.W. FOOTBALL CLUB
1960

Back Row (l to r) Barry Clear, Frank Cloney, Gary Boyd, John Leeds, Bill Swallow, David Manjiviona, Laurie Brimacombe, Terry Rooney , Brian Kent
Centre Row (l to r) Kenneth Williams, John Brimacombe, Ray Kinnane, Jack Mullane (Coach) Rev. Jack Carroll, (PP), John Clear, Spence Williams.
Front Row (l to r) Joe Crombie, Paul Donahue, Phillip Goulding, Gary Raphael , Robert Stiles, Des Boyd.

Geoff Swallow provided reliable information about the towering player in the back row centre, who stands head and shoulders above everyone else. This player, Bill Swallow, is the older brother of Geoff and Bruce and an impressive 6 feet 8 inches.

Bill was a local legend at the time, playing a key role in helping the Roosters secure the premiership in 1961, just their second season since forming in 1959. On that memorable day in 1961, West Ivanhoe triumphed over East Melbourne, winning the premiership by a significant margin of 39 points, 67-29.

The history recalls how in 1959, several players from the West Heidelberg YCW footy club were recruited by Jack Mullane, a former South Melbourne Football Club player, under the direction of Father Jack Carroll of St Bernadette Parish, to form the West Ivanhoe Football Club.

In a light-hearted manner, a friendly rivalry emerged between the West Heidelberg YCW and West Ivanhoe Football Clubs, primarily driven by two legendary figures from the game, the priests, Father Mogg from St Pius and Father Jack Carroll from St Bernadette Parish in West Ivanhoe, contributed significantly to this rivalry, with Father Mogg ultimately coming out on top, with West Heidelberg YCW in the 1960s going from strength to strength.

However, it’s important to acknowledge Father Carroll's role as a co-founder of the West Ivanhoe Football Club alongside former South Melbourne Footballer, John Mullane who coaxed a few to play for the Roosters as they would come to be known.

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IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF BELLFIELD SENIOR & JUNIOR

The senior football club was established in 1949 and played its first season in 1950. It remained in the VAFA (Victorian Amateur Football Association from 1950-1965). Its club colours were in honor of the 1/ 21 Battalion, 3rd Division Brown and Red, the" Blood & the Mud" endured at Gallipoli, Egypt and the Western Front in Europe during World War I and repeated in World War II.

The 1958 Bellfield senior team is pictured below and image credit and player names list is given to Bellfield player and member of the past player group, Charlie Hunt who submitted the image and names for the name plate below:

From left to right back row first. **Back Row** – Ron Watson, Bob Comino, Bruce Davidson, Brian Candy, Charlie Hunt (Image Donor),Laurie Morris. **2nd Back Row** – Alby Drew, Brian Murphy, Soloman, Ron Bartlet, Bill Getson, Ian Smith, Brian Watson, Ray Lawton, Charlie Newman (Coach). **Centre Row** – Noel Leonard, Barry Evans, Harry Marston (Captain), President; John Chapman (Vice Captain), Ian Pinnuad, Ron May, Pat Kelly. **Front Row** – Greg Arnold, Bernie Walsh, Ray Spence, Ernie Getson (Getson's are relatives of the Guest family of Bellfield).

Below is the Bellfield reserve team, 1963 pictured in front of the once iconic Bellfield football club grandstand, at Ford Park, West Heidelberg, now called Bellfield (Image credit: Michael Wellington):

1963
BELLFIELD AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB
RESERVE SECTION 3. V.A.F.A.
Back Row: J. SMITH, A. WYATT, M. CANDY, E. SMEDLEY (Team Manager), A. WALSH, E. BARTLETT, K. HALL.
Centre Row: E. CANDY (G. Umpire), D. THOMPSON, R. McCULLOCH, B. BRYANT, R. TOOHEY, L. ASHMAN, P. WYATT, J. KELTY, R. FAIRMAN, R. McGREGOR, E. CHESTER (Boot Studder).
Front Row: K. WELLINGTON, M. WELLINGTON, D. REED, L. BRITTON, K. CAULFIELD (Trainer), G. ANNAND (Captain), H. MARSTON (Coach), A. SMITH, I. CARROLL, K. BENNETT (V-Captain). G. CANDY (B. Umpire), K. MERRYFULL (Timekeeper)

Bellfield football club senior team circa 1964 - Named players are: Dave Fedley back row far right; Glenn Candy's brother Max Candy, back row second from the right, Coach Harry Marsden, front row with the ball (Archive donation by Glenn Candy, member of Bellfield Past Players Group with image received from Dave Fedley).

Bellfield Football Club – 1967
"A" GRADE METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
IVANHOE 45 3828
Back Row: H. MATTHIES, (President), C. REEDING, K. CROCKER, B. FAIRMAN, R. CRACKNELL, G. THURSTANS, E. BARTLETT, A. WALSH, J. McHUGH, B. COYLE, K. EDDINGTON, R. McCULLOCH, (Secretary).
Middle Row: J. BRADLEY, K. HALL (V. Capt.), G. MULLENGER (Capt./Coach), P. KELLY (Trainer), M. JOHNSON, I. McALPINE, L. TUCKER.
Front Row: K. WELLINGTON, T. POWER, P. SMITH, R. ARNOLD, C. TOUSSAINT.

Submitted below is Bellfield's first Under 18 team which was entered into the Metropolitan Football League by the senior club in 1967 (Credit: Garry Water & Phil Addison, player):

Back from left: Garry Disney, Lenny Dodkins (Doc), Wayne Deacon, Garry Chapple, Phil Addison, Ricky Yewers.
Middle: Mr. Wyatt (Assistant Coach), Graham? Giles, Bob McCulloch (Coach), Ron Houston, Garry Waters.
Front: Bruce Ferguson, Ian Ferguson, Frank Pratt, Dave? Kenny Wynd?

Bellfield Football Club 1970.
"A" Grade Metropolitan League.
Back Row. H.Mathies (V.Pres.) J.Webster. C.Bellfield. C.Brain. W.Deacon. C.Goldie. J.Bradley. E.Chester.
Centre Row. P.Webster. R.Bourne. T.Power (Capt.-Coach.) R.Arnold.(V.Capt.) J.Goodwin. B.Goldie.
Front Row. D.Evans. R.Davis. C.Bloomer. D.Read. B.Dare. I.McAlpine. T.Hunter (Trainer)
William Grey
Jewellers 45 3828

The following archive donation was made by Tom Chapman. It shows the great junior coach, Kevin McCormick with his 1972 Under 14 team boasting an array of fine footballers who did the club proud for many seasons in various grades:

Bellfield U/14 Runners-Up 1972 PDJFA

Top Row - Rod Hutton, Gary Faithful, Robbie Arnold, Paul Morcom (Collingwood FC), Ian Battie, Craig Williams, Wayne Boyd, Ian Gilhooly; **Middle Row** - Mark Hall, Peter Watts, Leon McKenzie, Kevin McCormick (Coach), Wayne Candy, Mark Hooper, John Arnold;
Front Row - Tom Chapman, Peter Grigoris (Missing: Bruce Agnew, Vaughn Graham, Brian Byrne, Brian Birtles).

Bellfield Under 14 PDJFA premiership team featuring Fatui Ataata, Collingwood, back row, third from right, also the author's brother Ricky Guest who won Bellfield seniors best & fairest in 1982, middle row, far left. Youngest brother Mitch Guest administrator of the Bellfield Past Players Group, went on the win the clubs best & fairest ten years later in 1992. Bellfield junior football club legend, Brian Byrnes was coach:

Bellfield Under 16 PDJFA champion premiership team which went through the season undefeated and beat in the Grand Final Preston RSL, Captained by Peter Daikos, who would become a Collingwood Football Club legend. The Bellfield team features Geoff Rutty who played U/19 and reserves for Collingwood. Coach was Bob Robinson (deceased):

Bellfield U/16 Champion team – Undefeated Premier 1976
Back row left to right first, descending – **Back Row**: Trevor Robinson (deceased) (Assistant Coach & Runner) (elder son of coach Bob Robinson [deceased] and brother of team Captain Graeme Robinson]); Peter Brown, Damien Basic (deceased); Gary Phillips; Ray Head; Paul Harrison; **2nd Back Row** - Geoff Cookson (deceased); Greg Beard (also played at Bundoora JFC U/18s in 1978 with John Guest, under Coach Kevin McCormack, ex-Bellfield); Geoff Rutty (Collingwood FC); Michael McDonald; Paul Horton (deceased); **2nd Front Row** - Tom Worland; Greg Mitchell; Graeme Robinson (Captain, and son of coach Bob, brother of Trevor); Mr (Bob) Robinson (deceased); John Freeman; Bob Palamara; Mick Turner. **Front Row** - Colin Gibbs, Jamie Gargaro; Brendan "Kelly" Robinson (team's #1 supporter & youngest son of Bob and younger brother of Trevor and Graeme); John Guest; and Mick Castles.

In 1977, following the U/16 and U/18 football teams, John Guest and Mick Turner continued playing alongside several teammates. After an U/16 match, they sat on the bench to support coach Robinson's U/18 team when a disturbance broke out between Bellfield and Banyule supporters, leading to a 12-month suspension for Bellfield U/18. John and Mick also faced a 12-month ban, which was lifted after the club's appeal, allowing them return to U/16 play after five weeks.

Bellfield did not field a U/18 team post-1977. The following season 1978 season, John and Greg Beard crossed of Bundoora where Greg previously played to join former Bellfield coach Kevin McCormick who coached the U/18s. After a successful year John returned to play two seasons with Bellfield seniors under coach Barry Evans.

John and his teammates at Bellfield competed in three grand finals over two seasons but were unfortunately defeated by the Heidelberg Colts in 1979 and in the Grand Final replay in 1980, as the Colts secured back-to-back championships. The 1979 final was especially memorable for its heartbreaking one-point loss. The following year proved even more challenging for those involved in these consecutive grand final defeats, as they first drew in 1980 and then lost by just three points the following week. Below is a photo of John Guest's U/16 premiership teammate, the late Paul Horton walking off the field after the drawn match against Heidelberg at East Reservoirs Oval in 1980:

The photograph reflects the absence of euphoria felt by the supporters of either club, leaving everyone present that day feeling puzzled and underwhelmed. However, Paul, known for his great sense of humour, is seen sharing a laugh with the Colts player, joking no doubt about "see you next week." Submmited below is the keep sake momento issued by Bellfield for the 1980 season as runners up:

History shows that Colts had the last laugh and with tongue in cheek, are still gloating today if their past players group is anything to go by. Submitted below and sourced directly from Heidleberg Colts past players group is members still boast today of the 1980 win (why not). It is for some, the club's most satisfying premiership after the drwn game the preious week. Included in their post is a partial recovery of a small essay wriiten by the Heidleberger identifying Bellfield players Jimmy McLaughlan, John Guest and Stevie Cowan of Bellfield. The notes in the Heidleberger in regards to Heidelberg Colts 1979 premeirship and loss in 1980 is for their their second-twenty side and unerelated to their 1979 and 1980 back to back first twenty achieved:

Returning to Bellfield juniors, below is a wonderful article about the five Brandt boys of Bellfield football club and the promising start to eachof their football carrers. Craig went on to play for the Pies.

The seniors were runners up once more to Hiedleberg Colts in 1983, maybe 1984 (Source: Chris Everard)

COLTS WIN FLAG AGAIN

Heidelberg Colts defeated their local rivals Bellfield in the grand final, to win the open age premiership flag for the third consecutive time in Preston District Junior Association Football.

The same two teams met in the grand final last season.

The game was a close affair all day, and it was not until the last few minutes of the game that Heidelberg Colts got away from Bellfield.

Although the Bellfield ruckmen were winning the centre bounces, the Colts little players were winning the knockouts; and Bellfield had no counter for their pace.

Scores: Heidelberg Colts (13-18 (96) d. Bellfield 11-13 (79).

Best: Colts—R. Robinson, P. Sinclair, S. Nicholson, A. Mendola, L. White. Bellfield—W. Deacon, W. Byrne, S. Day, D. Gleeson, M. McDonald.

Colts under 14 defeated premiership Reservoir RSL led throughout the first three quarters to be 36 points in the lead at three quarter time.

When the last quarter began Colts kicked two quick goals, to put them back in the game, then finished strongly.

Scores: Colts 10-11 (71) d. Reservoir RSL 9-10 (64).

Best: G. O'Rourke, N. Connell, C. Phillipe, C. Robinson, G. Zaibak.

Below is the recovered Heidelberger newspaper's account of Bellfield defeating West Ivanhoe in for the 1983 reserve grade premiership. That year Shane McDonald older brother of Mick McDonald won the Division 2 reserves best & fairest. The article recovered, is clipped and probably published by Heidelberger (Leader) newspaper, but again, the year unknown:

first premiership double

Glenville. **Best:** W. Ivan: B. Mullane, G. Mullane, Jordan, Gulban, Douglas, Flem, Walker, Whitney, Rattya, Carroll. **Umpires:** L. Barton and M. Bradley.

Bellfield in narrow lead

West's Reserves failed to peg back Bellfield's hard won but narrow lead in an entertaining and strongly contested Division 2 Reserves Grand Final.

Bellfield landed their first YCW premiership by 5 pts in a nail biting final term in which an inaccurate West Ivanhoe scored 1.6.

Division Two — Reserves

Scores: Bellfield: 2.3, 5.7, 7.8, 8.7-55 d West Ivan: 2.3, 4.3, 6.4, 7.10-52 **Goals:** B'field: Ferguson 3, May 2, Pappa, Frost, Reardon. W. Ivan: Reeves 3, Bellino, Virtue, Thompson, Le Feburc. **Best:** B'field: Evans, Drummond, Webster, Palmer, W. Ivan: Shepherd, Callaghan, Heenan, Thompson.

Heidelberg contained

In a hard slogging Division Three Grand Final on Sunday Clayton contained Heidelberg for three quarters in windy conditions, on a heavy ground.

With both backlines on top for long periods and little system in their attack it was left to Heidelberg's experienced players to see them through.

Greg and Tony Mathew both goaled in the final term and despite their overal inaccuracy Heidelberg too the flag by 20 pts.

Division Three

Scores: Heidelberg: 0. 1.6, 1.8, 3.11-29. Clayton: 1. 1.2, 1.2, 1.3-9. **Goals:** He G. Matthews 2, A. Matthe Clay: M. Rigaldi. **Best:** He G. Matthews, Lucy, Sadl P. Matthews, A. Matthe Benetti. Clay: J. Reiger, Wilson, S. Reiger, Kel Croon. **Umpires:** G. Ward, Kelly.

YCW pick 'fairest and best

At the YCW vote count night held at Brunswick last week, the following awards were decided:

Division One

John Neild — Jacana — 14 votes;

Theo Kritikos — E. Bru — 13 votes;

Steve Parton — N. Melb — 12 votes;

Peter Budge — N. Fawk — 12 votes;

Division One Reserves:

Stephen Usher: Nth. Fawk — 13 votes;

Peter Strazos: E. Brun — 10 votes.

Division Two

Geoff Mullane — W. Iva — 22 votes;

Trevor Price — Flem. — votes;

Frank Globan — W. Iv — 14 votes.

Divisions Two — Reser

Shayne McDonald — Be — 15 votes on countba

Rob Allwood — St And — 15 votes;

Trevor Budge — Coburg votes.

Division Three

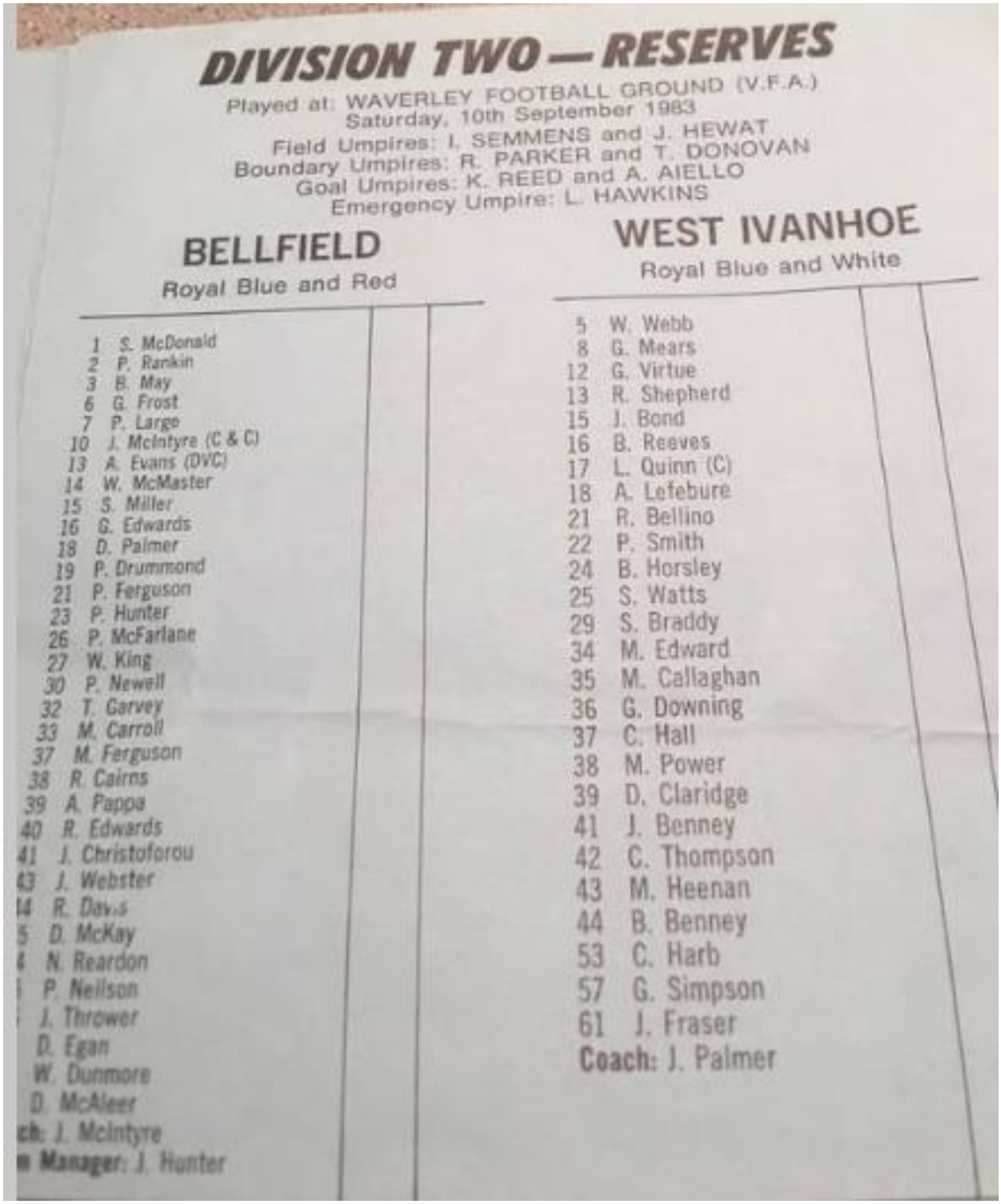
Michael Wilson — Clay 24 votes;

Jim Donald — Heid. — votes;

Bill Peterson — ACYC 17 votes;

The archive donation by Johnnie Thrower, Bellfield Past Players Group, helps to identify the playing list, : with club legend Johhny McIntyre Captain and Coach of the second-twenty premiership squad:

Further donated to the archives by Johnny Thrower is the players list printed in the leagues football record for that match. Noteworthy is Shane Braddy lining up for West Ivanhoe. He is an ex-Melbourne senior player of two games played in the VFL season of 1981, and the younger brother of West Heidelberg boy, ex-Fitzroy and Sydney Swans player, Criag Braddy:



DIVISION TWO — RESERVES

Played at: WAVERLEY FOOTBALL GROUND (V.F.A.)
Saturday, 10th September 1983
Field Umpires: I. SEMMENS and J. HEWAT
Boundary Umpires: R. PARKER and T. DONOVAN
Goal Umpires: K. REED and A. AIELLO
Emergency Umpire: L. HAWKINS

BELLFIELD
Royal Blue and Red

1 S. McDonald
2 P. Rankin
3 B. May
6 G. Frost
7 P. Large
10 J. McIntyre (C & C)
13 A. Evans (DVC)
14 W. McMaster
15 S. Miller
16 G. Edwards
18 D. Palmer
19 P. Drummond
21 P. Ferguson
23 P. Hunter
26 P. McFarlane
27 W. King
30 P. Newell
32 T. Garvey
33 M. Carroll
37 M. Ferguson
38 R. Cairns
39 A. Pappa
40 R. Edwards
41 J. Christoforou
43 J. Webster
14 R. Davis
5 D. McKay
4 N. Reardon
P. Neilson
J. Thrower
D. Egan
W. Dunmore
D. McAleer
ch: J. McIntyre
n Manager: J. Hunter

WEST IVANHOE
Royal Blue and White

5 W. Webb
8 G. Mears
12 G. Virtue
13 R. Shepherd
15 J. Bond
16 B. Reeves
17 L. Quinn (C)
18 A. Lefebure
21 R. Bellino
22 P. Smith
24 B. Horsley
25 S. Watts
29 S. Braddy
34 M. Edward
35 M. Callaghan
36 G. Downing
37 C. Hall
38 M. Power
39 D. Claridge
41 J. Benney
42 C. Thompson
43 M. Heenan
44 B. Benney
53 C. Harb
57 G. Simpson
61 J. Fraser
Coach: J. Palmer

Football is a family affair for the Brandt family of Wadham St., West Ivanhoe.

Budding breed of footy champs

There are five boys in the family and three of them play with Bellfield Football Club.

Also father, Laurie, 33, is coach of the Under 12 side which won the Preston District Junior Football Association Grand Final several months ago.

And the two youngest boys, Christian, 7, and Stuart, 5, who are yet too young to play have been training for two years.

Apart from the premiership the three boys have enjoyed personal success.

The two elder Graham, 12, and Craig, 10, are captains of their respective age group teams, both won the club's best and fairest awards and both lost PDJFA trophies on a count-back at a recent function at Preston Town Hall.

The two brothers play in the same position — ruck-rover, but of course, for different teams.

To cap off a successful family year Glenn 9, won a club award for the most determined player.

Mr Brandt himself was a prominent ruckman for Preston Wanderers years ago and won the competition medal during his career.

He retired from playing in 1967.

Christian attends Bellfield Primary School, and the other brothers, Heidelberg High, except Stuart, who is too young yet for school.

Finally, what about Mum?

Mrs Sue Brandt doesn't play football, although one could be forgiven for assuming so.

The Brandt family footballers, from left (rear) Graham, (right) Craig, (Lower left) Glenn, (centre) Stuart and (right) Christian.

The Brandt Boys from back row left & right, Graham & Craig. From lower left to right front row, Glenn, Suart (centre) and Christian right of page.

IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF WEST HEIDELBERG COLTS/ROVERS

The first identified team to take the field for the Bellfield juniors was in 1968 and informed by Bellfield past player Ken Stubbs. The juniors became a cradle for the Collingwood football club from that point in time, until their demise.

Players form the West Heidelberg Colts/Rovers junior football club [of Haig Street area] enjoyed played juniors there. They two were swept up in dramatic demographic shifts occurring across West Heidelberg reducing then eliminating the junior teams one by one. Many of the players did migrate to the fewer and fewer senior teams that also suffered in the main part the same fate.

Thanks are given to Craig Poynder (U/12s 1971), Mark White, David White and Jim Griffin for their capture of historical moments in the form of some wonderful pictorial artifacts of the West Heidelberg Colt/Rovers football Club. They played initially at Haig Street Primary School, then at Seddon oval in West Ivanhoe, before playing their last few seasons at Heidelberg High school oval in Bellfield. Featured in these shots, the bearded man, coach Peter Crisafulli:

West Heidelberg Colts (later Rovers) football team, Under 12's team - 1971

Under 10's circa 1973 (Image credit: David White)

The WH Colts boys are captured in a moment in time enjoying themselves running onto to the oval to play a match which at the time was the home of Regent -Scouts. The oval was one of two placed inside Preston trotting track on Murray Road, Preston, opposite Northland:

For the history buff, West Heidelberg Colts changed their name after visiting teams would drive to the wrong ground at Olympic Park, West Heidelberg, which was the home ground of Heidelberg Colts and Olympic Youth junior football teams.

Below is a picture of the club playing their home games on the Heidelberg High School oval, Perkins Avenue, West Heideberg (now Bellfield) (Image credit: Jim Griffin):

Also attributed to Jim Griffin, is the photograph below with a great shot of the West Heidelberg “Colts” with some the lads opting for the organs rather than the coaches three quarter time address:

This great photograph was taken in Gawler South Australian when the club played a friendly against The Gawler junior team (Image credit: Mark White):

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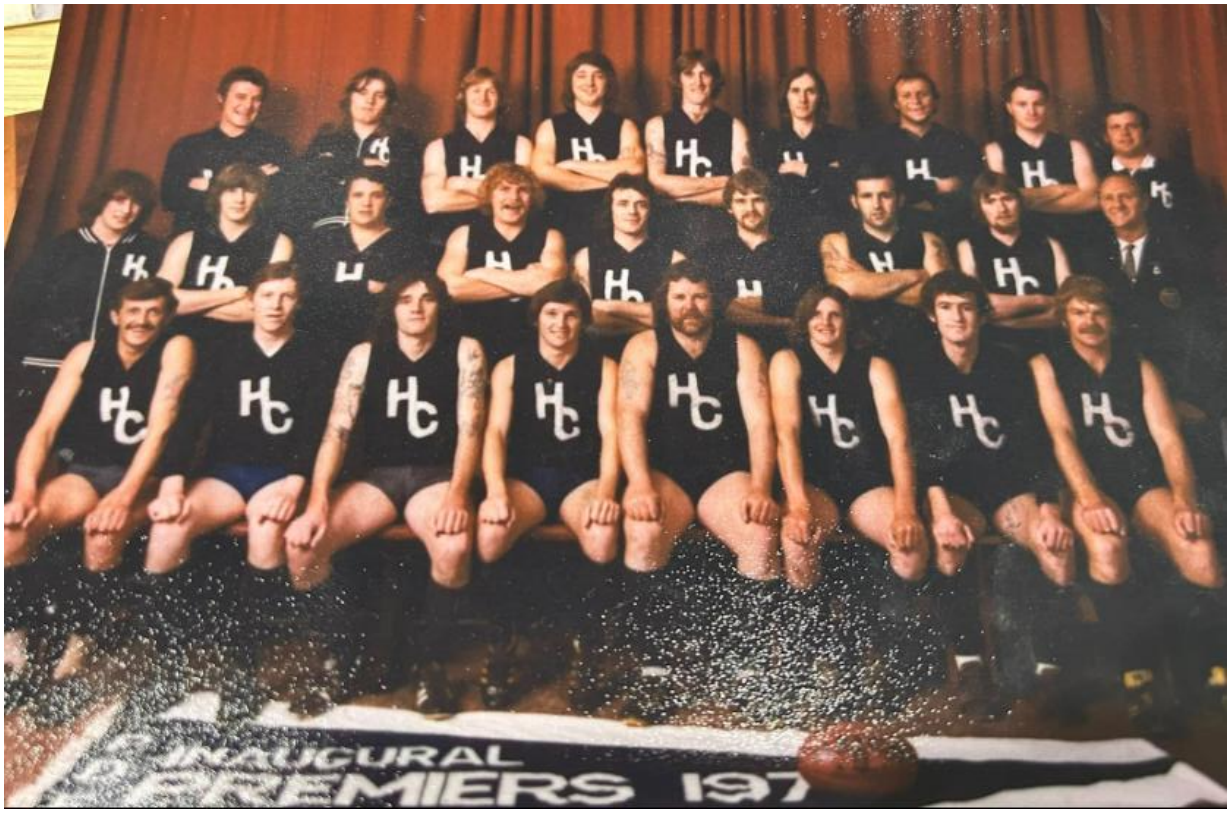
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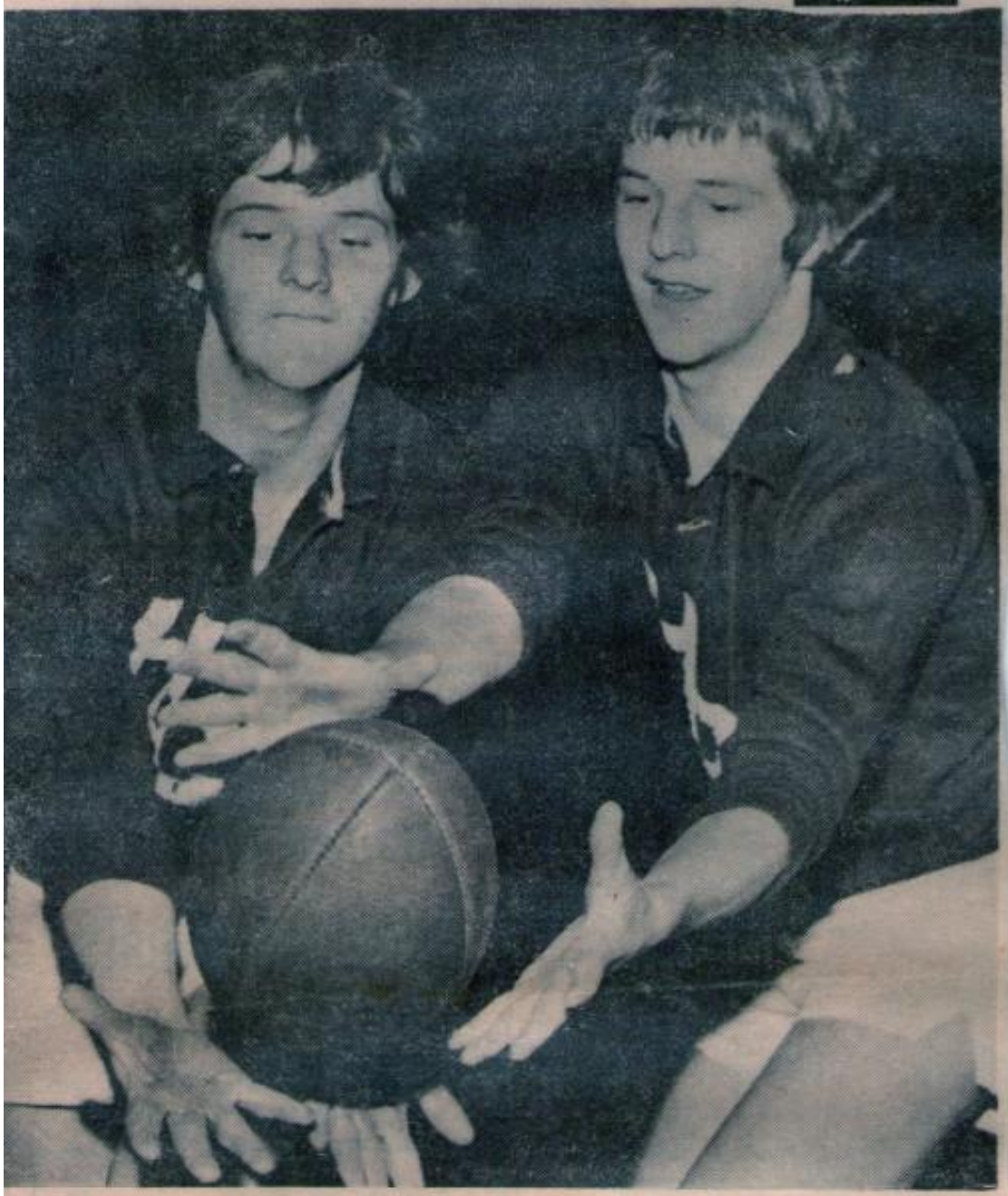
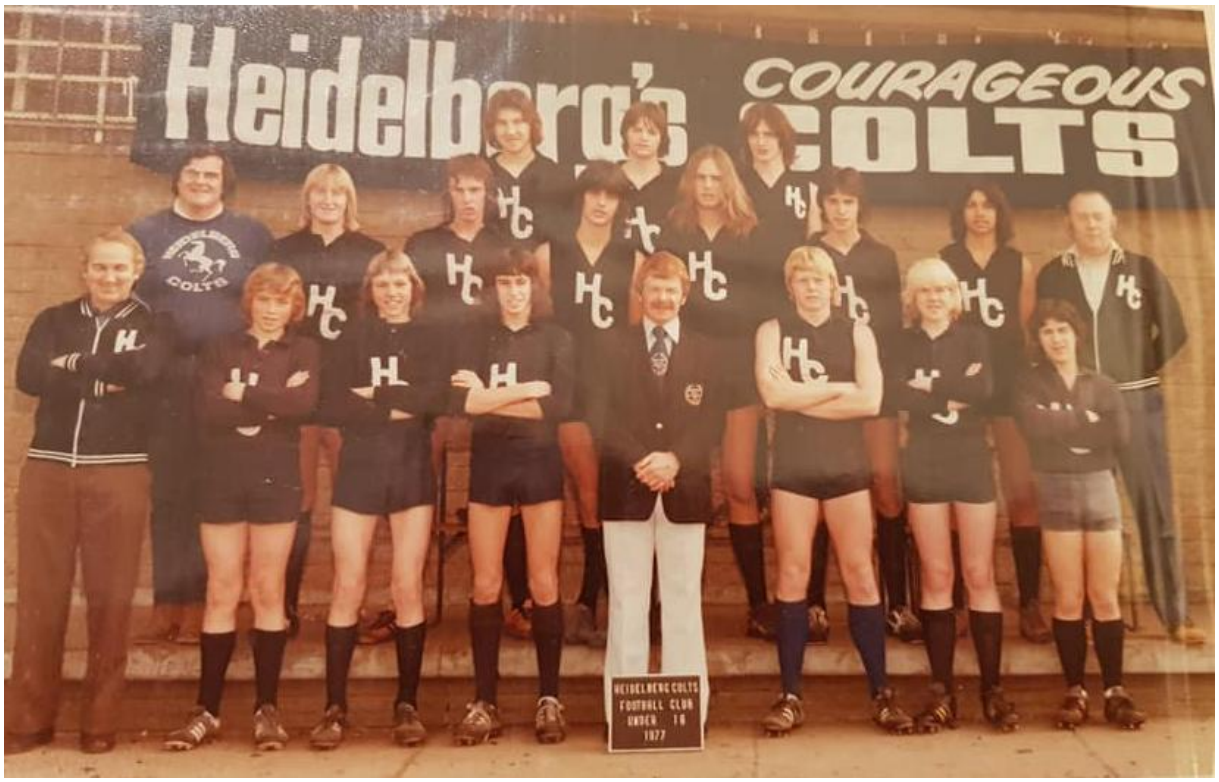


Identical 16-year-old twins Bill, left, and George Plain, of Oriel Rd., West Heidelberg, recently played their 100th games with the Heidelberg Colts Football Club. Bill is an apprentice plumber and George an apprentice cook. They have been playing with the club for seven seasons.



Heidelberg Colts PDJFA Under 14 Premiers 1979

Back Row: Jamie Patterson, Ian Kearns, Greg Davieson, Neil McDonald, Rowan Stokes, Mark Johnson, Bruce Leguier. Middle Row: Team Manager - Harry Kearns Coach - Dick Robinson, Glen Dunbabin, Mick Fuller, Jeff Phillips, Peter Barber, Brendon Littler, George Zelbak. Adviser- Jack Carr. Runner - Phil Robinson Front Row: Gary O'Rourke, vc - David Grant, Captain - Neil Connell, dvc - Chris Robinson, David Carr Bottom Row - Ray Brown, Billy Konges

Image credit: Chris Everard.

Pictured below is this wonderful photograph capturing not only the Under 12 Heidelberg Colts team of 1968, but also the housing units of Olympic Village that first houses international Olympians in 1956:

Prior to being known as Heidelberg Colts, circa 1965, the Club was the football team of the St Philips Church of England Boys Club (CEBS) located some distance away at 12 Leonard Street West Heidelberg. It is believed St Philips Church of England Boys Club (CEBS) football team was organised from St Philips Hall on the corner Oriel Road and Marobe Street West Heidelberg (Image credit: Colin Bransgrove):

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IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF OLYMPIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Olympic Youth Under 12 team of 1977 are further presented (Image credit: Chris Everard):

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NORTH HEIDELBERG

For more than half a century North Heidelberg has consistently been a force to be reckoned with in the Diamond Valley Football League and its successor competition the Northern Football League. To date, the Bulldogs have claimed eight senior grade premierships, all bar two in the DVFL's top division, plus a dozen reserve grade and five thirds flags. North Heidelberg's second most recent senior grade premiership triumph came in 2014 in Division Two. Opposed in the grand final by Fitzroy Stars the Bulldogs won quite comfortably in the end by 36 points, 16.18 (114) to 11.12 (78). Promoted as a result of this triumph they found the going tough in Division One in 2015 and slumped to the wooden spoon and with it relegation back to Division Two. They almost made it back to Division One at the first time of asking but lost the 2016 Division Two grand final to Hurstbridge by 11 points. A year later they made amends when, after qualifying for the finals in pole position, they scored comfortable wins over Diamond Creek in both the second semi final and grand final to clinch their second EFL Division Two flag and earn promotion back to Division One where, in 2018, the performed impressively, ultimately getting as far as a losing preliminary final against eventual premiers West Preston Lakeside.

Source

John Devaney - Full Points Publications

The photograph below was taken in 1957, and was shared by Graham Herbert, it features his grand uncles, Alan and Bruce Wilson. Alan is shown playing for local club Olympic Youth:

Alan was an outstanding talent, and one evening, Alan, brothers Bruce and Roy, and their other teammates, who lived east of Olympic Village, nearer to Waterdale Road, gathered at teammate Charles Skerry's home in North Heidelberg. This meeting led to the establishment of the club, with attendees choosing the Bulldog strip and Charles then successfully completed negotiating for their entry into the DVFL.

Despite this Charles Skerry, chose to stay with Olympic Youth Football Club. The change rooms were later named in his honor. In the inaugural year of the club 1958, Alan Wilson became the club's captain aged just 17, with most of the first squad around the same age. By 1962 they had won their first DVFL premiership.

Graham also notes that his grand uncles and their brother, his grandfather, Roy Wilson, along with their mate George Schickert, worked tirelessly to fundraise for improved change rooms at Shelley Park.

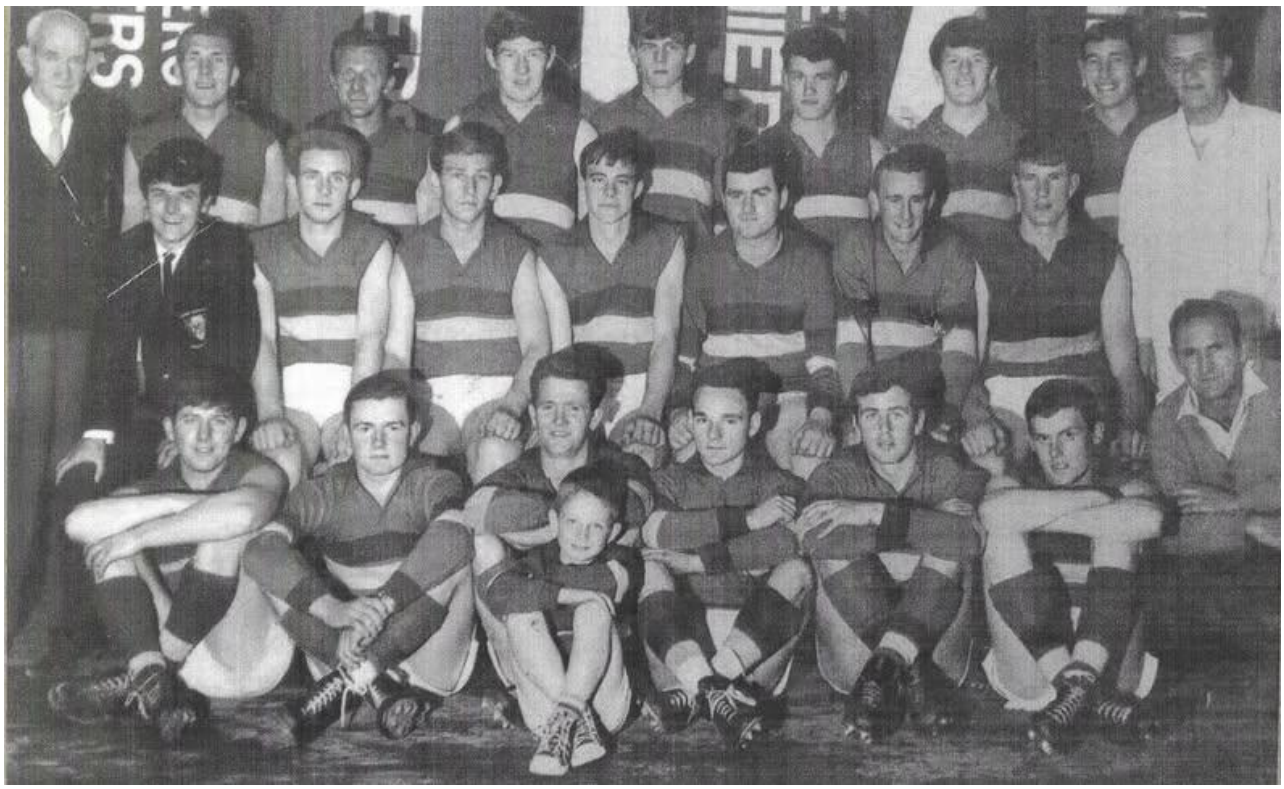
Both Roy and George became presidents and committee members of the club. Additionally, it is said that the author's cousin, Cliff Guest, captained North Heidelberg in 1974, the year they re-entered the DVFL, after previously playing for Fairfield Amateurs:

Credit is given to brothers Alan Bruce, and Roy Wilson, along with Charles Skerry and their friends, who came together in North Heidelberg as the co-founders of the remarkable North Heidelberg football club, which boasts a rich history.

The senior club formed an Under 17 teams in 1960/1 and the 1961 team is pictured below. Pictured somewhere within is the author's older 1st cousin Cliff Guest, who would later go to Captain the senior team in 1974:

The North Heidelberg reserves team are pictured in 1962 and believed to be taken in front of the old shed changing rooms at Shelley Park which existed before Roy Wilson and his committee raised the money from their pleasant Sunday mornings to have new facilities erected (Image donor credit: Ron Dove, fiend of Cliff Guest):

Next image is North Heidelberg's B Grade reserve premeirship team of 1964 Image credit: Rone Dove). Notewrthy is the previous pennants displayed behind the team, three early flags, 1962 x 2 and 1963:



This next early photograph captures the North Heidelberg U/13 side believed to be taken mid 1960s with the junior club wearing the Richmond/Heidelberg Football Club's look alike strip. They later adopted the senior team's colours when they joined the Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL) junior competition. A requirement because the historical Heidelberg Football Club donned this strip as far back as the 1880s. Identified in the picture below picture donor, Peter Fellowes, he is found bottom row far left:

The Under 15 team of 1964 is pictured below whereby Twiggy Dunne, Collingwood great is found back row, second from th left:

Chris Everard also provides the newspaper clipping taken from the Heidelberger newspaper showing North Heidelberg's first and second twenty sides winning the flag in the DVFL in 9185. The senior's defeated Greensborough whilst the reserves beat Heidelberg. Chris Everard says it best in regards to the very good footballers that took to the field that day for the senior grand final (Ray Shaw, Ray Sweeney ex-Collingwood and the McGraw boys ex-Preston to name but a few):

DVFL DETAILS

DIVISION ONE GRAND FINAL

A GRADE

B GRADE

Australian Rules Football Wiki

North Heidelberg Football Club

North Heidelberg Football Club (North Heidelberg Sporting Club) is an Australian rules football club in Heidelberg West, Victoria, currently competing in Division 1 of the Northern Football Netball League. It also has 5 female netball teams competing in the NFNL on Friday nights in Bundoora.

Premierships

Northern Football League (Formerly Diamond Valley Football League)

- Seniors: (8)

1962, 1978, 1985, 1987, 1994, 2005, 2014^, 2017^

- Reserves: (12)

1964, 1976, 1977, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 2014^

- Thirds: (5)

1962, 1963, 1984, 1989, 1996

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IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF HEIDELBERG HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

To learn to appreciate the incredible football culture youngsters of West Heidelberg were cradled, when not playing on a Saturday in the PDJA or Sundays in the Preston and Reservoir Junior Sunday Football Leaguer of the exceptional Amateurs junior completions, junior players across all of these teams played for either Heidelberg High or Heidelberg teams and quasi representative squads, giving further pride to the residents of West Heidelberg [inclusive of West Ivanhoe/Ivanhoe and west of the Yarra River].

To give some idea of the quality of player picked for these West Heidelberg representative teams it is Heidelberg High schools in 1973 and 1974 won the Melbourne Metropolitan High Schools Football Competition and went on to win the Victorian State High Schools Football Premiership:

A dive into the player list coached by Collingwood player Lee Adamson is some of Collingwood Football Club's household names, and also later Port Adelaide Football champion, Stephen Clifford (Image courtesy, Chris Everard):

- Lee Adamson – Coach.
- Stephen Clifford (Collingwood/Port Adelaide – Banyule).
- Phil Manassa (Collingwood).
- Wayne Freeman (Collingwood/Melbourne - Bellfield).
- Paul Morcom (Collingwood – Bellfield).
- Criag Stewart (Collingwood/Richmond – Bellfield).

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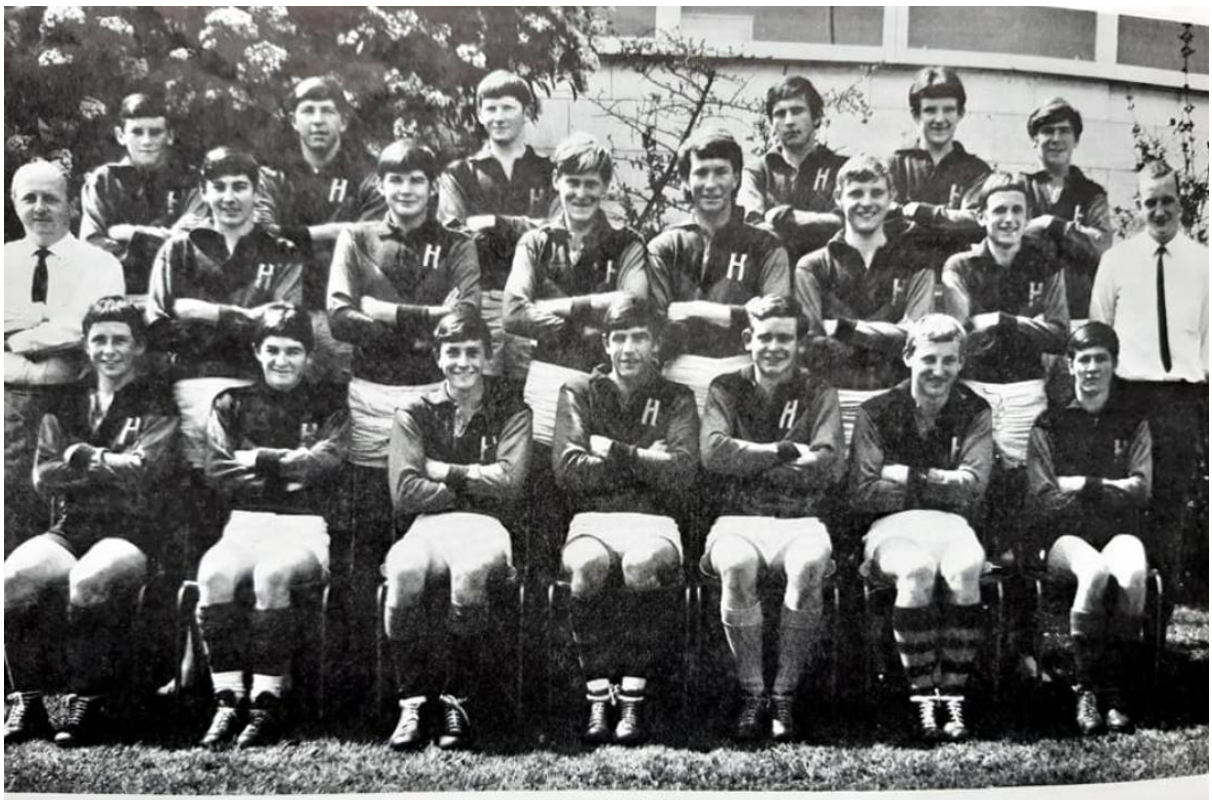
IMAGES & EARLY HISTORY OF HEIDELBERG TECH SCHOOL TEAMS

Historically significant captures of the Heidelberg Technical School football team account also for the players from any one of the 12 local Heidelberg teams, mostly, West Heidelberg teams who played together in one representative side against other Metropolitan technical schools. This Wednesday afternoon football league, like the Metropolitan High School league, a quality, and hard-fought competition from the 1950s to the 1980s.

Note HTS's A & B sides were not distinguished by first and second twenty teams rather randomly picked and formed a squad such was the number of quality players available to play:



FOOTBALL "A"

Rear: Allen McGrath, Robert Horwood, Kevin Kazazes, Peter Djokovic, Ray Brown, Les Ansell, Mr. Nicholson.
Middle: Mr. Stainton, Robert Dean, Frank Riordan, Wayne Shepherd, John Rojo, Keith Carey, Lee Huckstepp,
Front: Kevin Dienhoff, Gary Kenny, Noel McMahon, John Marriott, Bruce Mullenger, Ken Clinton, Ron Brown.

Note: A young Les McKeown, can be found bottom right-hand corner, second from the right (front row), Bellfield & Preston Wanders great, and father of Collingwood & Bellfield player, Ronnie McKeown.

Senior HTS football team 1963:

The side which won the Metropolitan Technical Schools competition and State Technical Schools premiership 1964:

The annual HTS student teacher football match, of the late 1960s (Mall Shopping centre in the background):

RANDOM – SOME FNE FOOTBALLERS ON THIS 1979 LIST

PRESTON DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

BEST AND FAIREST 1979

OPEN AGE

1.	R. Hudson, ARC Rovers	25
2.	N. McIntosh, Heidelberg Colts	17
3.	C. Johnson, Heidelberg Colts	15

UNDER 18

1.	G. Hobba, Banyule	26
2.	I. Turl, Bundoora	18
3.	S. Davison, Olympic	15

UNDER 16 B1

1.	A. Zeralla, Thornbury Opportunity	30
2.	M. Nixon, Bundoora	22
3.	A. Avraam, East Thomastown	22

UNDER 16 B2

1.	R. Toniolo, Preston R.S.L.	31
2.	D. Gleeson, Bellfield	28
3.	D. Hackney, North Reservoir	25

UNDER 16 B3

1.	D. Parry, West Heidelberg Rovers	29
2.	S. Whelan, R.O.B.	18
3.	M. Creed, West Ivanhoe	13

UNDER 14 C1

1.	G. Hunt, Keon Park Stars	43
2.	J. Wynd, Regent/Scouts	35
3.	G. Dowling, Old Paradians	21

UNDER 14 C2

1.	N. Connell, Heidelberg Colts	20
2.	T. D'Apolito, Thornbury Opportunity	20
3.	L. Sbisa, Reservoir R.S.L.	20

UNDER 14 C3

1.	F. Ataata, Bellfield	31
2.	R. Suggese, R.O.B.	22
3.	R. Hamilton, Croxton	18

UNDER 12 D1

1.	F. Arcoraci, North Reservoir	19
2.	M. Brown, Bundoora	18
3.	S. Varga, Heidelberg Colts	17

UNDER 12 D2

1.	B. Quinsee, Keon Park Youth	36
2.	P. Wilkinson, East Thomastown	29
3.	M. Jedrychonski, Banyule	27

UNDER 12 D3

1.	R. Lyons, Reservoir Colts	38
2.	R. McKeown, Bellfield	30
3.	D. Hughes, Bellfield	20

UNDER 10 E1

1.	C. Neary, Thornbury Opportunity	26
2.	K. Brown, Bundoora	24
3.	P. Taylor, West Heidelberg Rovers	24

UNDER 10 E2

1.	G. Mercuri, East Brunswick	24
2.	L. Taglieri, Keon Park Youth	23
3.	D. Reeves, Bundoora	19

UNDER 10 E3

1.	J. McGaw, R.O.B.	32
2.	P. Moore, R.O.B.	32
3.	L. Toohey, Wanderers	27

Ross Lyon, Fitzroy, Brisbane Bears, AFL Coach, St Kilda x 2 (current) and Fremantle; pipped Ronnie McKeown for the competition U12 B&F, Fatui Ataata, Collingwood, U/14 B&F, also Jim Wynd (Fitzroy) and some outstanding local senior footballers in the DVFL (Northern Football League, e.g. David Gleeson, was West Heidelberg YCW player, Heidelberg and DVFL coach).

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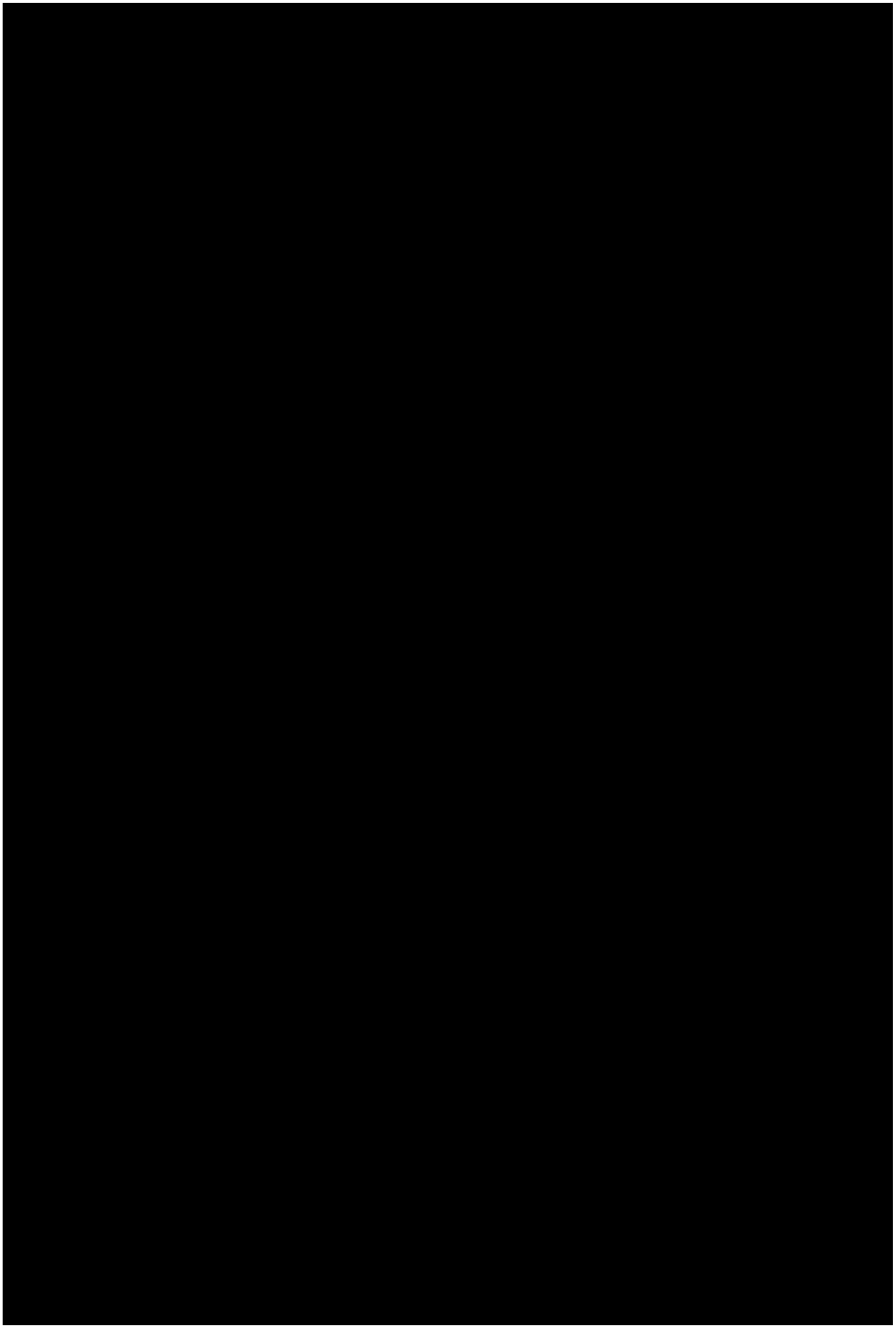
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